



## Community forms campaign group in bid to save chalets



A BUMPER programme of events taking place this year in Weymouth and Portland has been announced. See page 5 for full story

ANGRY Weymouth chalet owners and residents have formed a campaign group in their bid to prevent beach buildings and leisure facilities at Greenhill being sold off by the council.

The cash strapped authority plans to offload the chalets and leisure facilities on 125-year leases, a move it claims offers the best hope for the future and which avoids the council facing a huge maintenance bill.

But the Greenhill community is up in arms at the proposals which are seeing council officers seek formal tenders on a 125-year lease for Greenhill Gardens chalets, Esplanade chalets, the Greenhill Play Gardens and chalets, Greenhill public toilets,

by Harry Walton

the putting green and associated facilities.

Nearly 170 people packed in to the Methodist Church hall in Melcombe Avenue to form the Communities Of Greenhill (COG) group.

The council has said that if officers can't get a tender then chalet owners will be offered a short term licence for summer 2014 only while remarketing is carried out, but COG plans action now rather than waiting for any tender.

The church hall meeting discussed council proposals to privatisate sections of Greenhill Gardens and Greenhill Play Gardens and voted overwhelming to form COG, a new group

focused solely on the proposed privatisation which will work alongside existing community groups within the area.

Chalet Users Community Group chairman Sue Bray said: "I was amazed and delighted with both the turnout for the meeting and the strength of feeling displayed by the local community.

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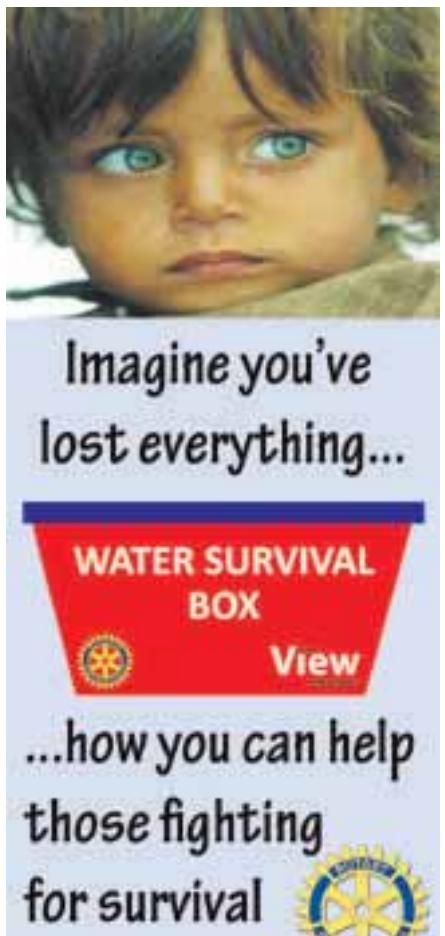
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MANY, in and around the Dorchester area, will know of, or have met Margaret Morrissey, OBE.

Editor of the parish magazine, active with the church, a former lay schools inspector and chair of the Poundbury Residents Association, Mrs Morrissey is also often quoted in the national press and regional and national broadcasters for her views on education and parenting.

After years as chair and then spokesperson for National Confederation of Parent Teachers Association she founded her own organisation, Parents Outloud, when she 'retired' several years ago.

And apart from all this Mrs Morrissey is more than active with her seven grandchildren, five of which live locally, and can often be seen being ferried around in a car which would otherwise be far too big for her and retired hotelier and publican, husband Patrick.

### ■ DO you have a problem saying 'no'?

I agreed to do this interview, so yes! It is one of my problems – I often see something which needs sorting out and end up getting involved.

### ■ WHEN did you first come to Dorset?

About 1980 when Patrick took over the Worgret Manor Hotel at Wareham. We had met in Weybridge where he was a hotel manager, but he had always wanted to branch out on his own. We later moved to Poole and then came to Dorchester in 1990 at the Junction Hotel. I hated Dorset at first, after living in London, but I soon grew to love it.

### ■ AND what did you do before starting a family?

I trained as a nurse, did some agency work and also worked for Securicor for while. I was at Queen Charlotte Hospital working on the unit where they pioneered changing a baby's blood, which was very exciting and very cutting edge at the time. Our first child was born at Barts which technically makes her a cockney and gives her the right to drive sheep over Westminster Bridge, although she hasn't tried it yet.

### ■ HOW did you get involved in educational matters?

The head at the nursery heard me complaining about a zebra crossing and told me I was just the person she needed. Before I knew it I was a school governor and on the PTA...that was the start of it and I never looked back from there. Her name was Mrs Grubb, I won't forget her, my husband says she has a lot to answer for. I used to go along to the Inner London Education Authority and speak up on a number of issues.



### ■ AND how did your involvement continue in Dorset?

At the Worgret Manor some of the local persuaded me to stand for the town council in Wareham. Later David Jacob's came to Swanage to broadcast "Any Questions" from the Mowlem Theatre. I put in a question about the teachers strike affecting my daughter's education and he made a quip that with a mother like me, she ought to do just fine. The next day the phone didn't stop ringing and myself and a few others called a meeting at the Purbeck School and started the All Dorset Parents Action Group. We used to hold breakfast meetings and ran a number of campaigns which often led to us going to London to lobby MPs and the Minister. Eventually we became the Dorset group of the National Confederation of Parent

Teachers Association and I became involved nationally with the organisation as chair and later as spokesperson.

### ■ AND did you get to know many of the key players nationally?

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Police say the incident happened at around 1.10pm on January 23rd along Buxton Road near to the railway bridge.

Officers added that a local 17-year-old girl was walking towards

the Fords Corner roundabout on the pavement on the southern side of the carriageway.

As she came level with the safety railings she took a small step in to the road to allow a mobility scooter to pass by but, while she was stood in this position, she was struck by a small silver Peugeot

hatchback car which did not stop. No arrests have been made.

The teenager sustained minor injuries that required treatment at the Weymouth Minor Injuries Unit.

cables. I urge the driver to come forward to and speak to the police to help us ascertain exactly what happened.

"I am appealing for witnesses and anyone with information to come forward.

"In particular I would like to speak to the rider of the mobility

scooter who may have witnessed the incident and can help with the investigation. All calls will be treated in confidence."

Witnesses and anyone with information should call Dorset Police in confidence on 101 quoting incident number 23:215 or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## Soggy start to 2014

TORRENTIAL downpours have given Weymouth its wettest January since records began way back in 1886.

Weymouth weatherman Bob Poots said that so many downpours had soaked the town recently that figures for December and January had combined to batter Weymouth with half a year's rainfall in just two months.

He added that during this time there was a period of 39 days when just four were completely dry.

Rainfall for 2014 broke a January record which had stood since 1948 when 185.4mm fell, this year's new record being 186mm or nearly two and a half times the usual rainfall for January.

Despite the very wet month, January sunshine was up 11 percent above average at 74.5 hours, the sun failing to appear on nine days.

There was no air frost, thunder, lightning, fog or snow during January, but ground frost was recorded on seven days while hail was recorded on three days.

The strongest gust of wind was recorded at 46mph on New Year's Day and all temperatures were above the January average.

The average maximum was up 1.8 degrees centigrade at 10.4C, minimum was up 1.7C at 5.7C, mean was up 1.8C at 8.7C and the average sea temperature was up 1.5C at 9.4C.

## Portland Rotary Club are looking for younger members to sign up

PORTLAND Rotary Club is appealing for new and particularly younger members to come forward to help with tasks because demands on their support are increasing.

Spokesman Keith Barnard-Jones said: "If you are in a business or profession in the Weymouth or Portland area, if you want to help others less fortunate than ourselves and if you are interested in finding out more about Rotary then give me a call on 01305-821030.

"We are not a secret society. Membership is by invitation as in a golf or sailing club but, unless we know that you are interested, we cannot tell you more about ourselves."

He added that one of the questions members were most often asked was how did Rotary start?

Mr Barnard-Jones said: "In 1905

four lonely businessmen in Chicago decided to meet together weekly for fun and friendship and to help each other - the original networking.

"They rotated their meeting place around each person's place of work, hence the name - Rotary - or more properly Rotary International, as the movement has spread all over the globe during the last 100 plus years.

"With a motto of 'Service Above Self', we are now an organisation of almost one and a quarter million business and professional men and women worldwide whose aim is to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

"There are only a handful of countries where Rotary does not exist - we are even in Russia, China and Antarctica!

"I am also asked how the top table sales originated. Simple. In

the old days we would make donations, large or small depending on our funds, to local organisations, and that was it.

"We did not always have a lot of direct contact with the islanders in this way, so we decided to hire the Community 2000 Hall each month to enable these groups to hold their own sales and thus raise even more money for their organisations.

"Not only does it help them, but it also gives us a chance to meet far more of the local residents. We are after all a community based - organisation. So watch out for the notices each month.

"The more you support these local community-based events, the better the organisers can help our local community."

For more information about the Rotary Club of Portland visit <http://www.rotary-ribi.org>.

## Plans for WWII evening to welcome French friends

A D-DAY anniversary evening is being planned at Weymouth Pavilion Ocean Room on June 7th as part of the welcome for a delegation from the resort's twin town of Louviers in France.

It will come the evening after The Queen and the Prince of Wales attend the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy.

The Ocean Room will be decorated specially and the Highcliff Charity Players will perform music and songs of the 1940s.

Weymouth and Portland Louviers Society president is Weymouth and Portland Mayor Councillor Ray Banham who recently chaired the society's annual meeting.

He said: "The twinning is excellent at cre-

ating good relationships and the friendship with Louviers has been successful for over 50 years.

"The link is of economic value to Weymouth and Portland as the Louviers members bring business to the town. The twinning is good for the borough, extending hands of friendship across the English Channel."

Chairman Cath Irving thanked the Mayor and Mayoress Councillor Pam Nixon for their support for the society and said how well they had represented the borough during the civic visit to Louviers in September.

Pictured are Mayor Ray Banham with minutes secretary Alan Roberts, Cath Irving, Mayoress Pam Nixon and general secretary Pam Nicklin.



## Group bid to save chalets

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"The setting up of the Communities Of Greenhill is just the first step in our defence of Greenhill's open spaces and our much loved community facilities.

"Both Greenhill Gardens and Greenhill Play Gardens were gifted to the council for the benefit of the public and not the benefit of commercial enterprise. The council simply act as trustee to 'The People's Park' as Greenhill was once dubbed and we must hold them to account should they decide to exploit our 'jewel in the crown'."

She added that the council's approach to selling off chalets and leisure facilities on a 125-year lease showed that "it hasn't got a clue what the community of Greenhill wants".

She said: "There is a lot more to Greenhill than just chalets because the community comes here to enjoy a whole range of leisure facilities.

"We have now formed COG which we plan to use to spearhead all the interests of Greenhill.

"We hope to hold our first meeting in mid-February to discuss a way forward for Greenhill and we

hope to talk about what needs doing and what options for Heritage Lottery funding are available to us to resolve problems with the two-tier chalets, particularly with maintenance."

Among those backing the campaign by chalet owners and residents is Alderman Andy Hutchings who said: "I have held a beach chalet licence for more than 15 years and I chose to stay in this borough to spend my money to enjoy the benefits of the Greenhill area.

"The council decision to put the beach chalets out to tender on a 125-year

lease is an act of folly in selling off the family silver. The Greenhill area is the jewel in the crown for this borough.

"The council says that it will consult the public on its plans, but I doubt that this will be meaningful consultation. The decision has already been made.

"If the lease goes ahead rents will be vastly increased and local residents will be priced out meaning generations of local residents will no longer be able to enjoy the chalets so much enjoyment for so many years."

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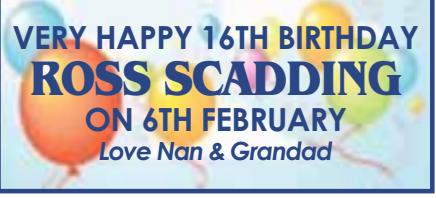
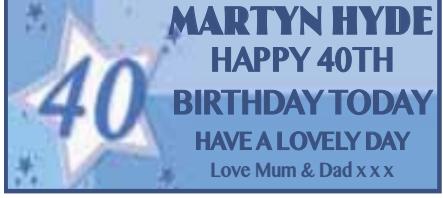
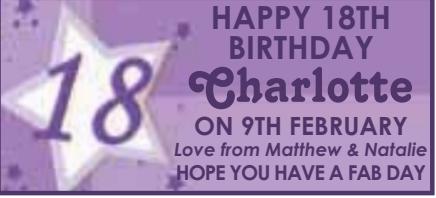
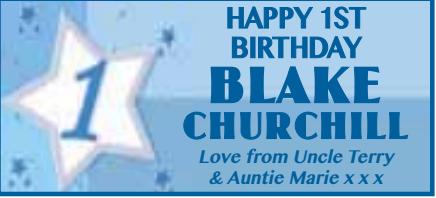
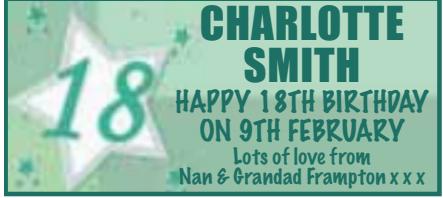
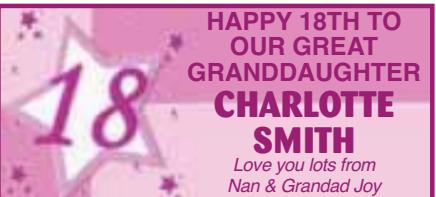
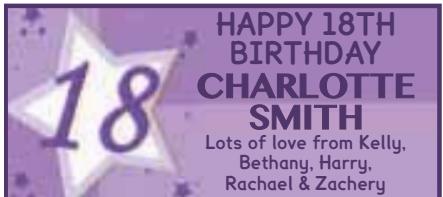
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## Council proposes tax rise

At a cabinet meeting this week it was recommended that Dorset County Council consider an increase of 1.99 per cent for the council's part of next year's council tax.

The increase, the first in four years, will be discussed and decided upon at the full council meeting on February 13th.

This is a rise of 44p per week for a band D property, a total of £22.88 a year.

Councillor Robert Gould, Cabinet member for corporate resources, introduced the report: "Although we are still waiting for the Government's confirmation of the referendum limits, this increase should be below that value.

"I am confident that the basis for the budget is sound

and that it will support the council for the substantial challenges that we face in the future.

"This is a modest increase to help us change the way we serve our residents."

The cabinet also recommended that the budget strategy is considered by the full council in February. This plan lays out the savings that need to be made in the next three financial years (£43.3million).

Councillor Spencer Flower, leader of the county council, said: "There are a lot of unknowns in the next few years. But we do know that we need to change the way we provide services to the residents of Dorset. By transforming rather than cutting services and with good financial management we will meet the challenges head on."

## Complete survey and win food hamper

A HAMPER of Dorset food is on offer as a temptation to undertake a short online survey from the Communities Living Sustainably in Dorset group.

The survey is open until February 7th and can be found at [www.cls-dorset.org.uk](http://www.cls-dorset.org.uk).

CLS aims to increase the awareness, understanding and action taken by local people to adapt to changes in climate and to live more sustainable lifestyles.

All those who take part in the survey will have the option to enter a free prize draw to win a hamper of local food provided by the Real Food Shop, a mobile shop providing fruit, vegetables, dairy, and meat products produced by a co-operative of small holders in West

Dorset, South Somerset and East Devon.

Emily Bullock, Greener Choices Co-ordinator for the CLS project said: "This survey is really important to us as it will help us to understand current attitudes and behaviour towards the environment.

"This will help shape our work, and provide a baseline against which to measure how much change we make. We are also delighted to support the Real Food Shop; with 25 per cent of all lorries on the road carrying food, sourcing food locally helps to cut greenhouse gas emissions as well as support the local economy."

The project in Dorset is supported by the Big Lottery Fund for

a three year period from March 2013.

It aims to help people adapt to climate change and to live more sustainably. The project strives to act as a catalyst for action, building on the work already taking place in Bridport, Dorchester and their surrounding areas.



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# Exciting events programme launched

WEYMOUTH and Portland has officially launched its exciting programme of events for 2014.

It will be hosting more than 260 events throughout the year including world and national sailing championships, live music, art and sports events, community fêtes and fairs and many seasonal favourites during 2014.

The events programme gets off to a sporting start this month (February) With the Topper Winter Regatta at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy while on February 22nd-23rd the borough will also host the quad bike racing event, Dickies Quad Beach Cross, on Weymouth Beach.

The borough's major events are back in 2014 including Best of Dorset Show in March, Weymouth Kite Festival in May, Wessex Folk Festival and Armed Forces Celebrations in June, Dorset Seafood Festival and Spirit of Portland in July, Weymouth Carnival in August and the Lions Beach Motocross



LAUNCHING the 2014 Weymouth and Portland events programme

in October.

Big sporting and leisure events will be happening in Weymouth and Portland this year including one of the country's leading Iron Distance triathlons, Challenge Weymouth, in September.

Challenge Weymouth will lead more than 1,500 athletes through this incredible multi endurance event which includes a

3.8km swim, a 180km bike ride and a 42.2km run, attracting an extra 5,000 sports visitors and supporters. Challenge Weymouth is planning to develop a strong future in Weymouth.

A range of high class sailing competitions will also be happening at the WPSNA including Cadet Worlds in August and the Wayfarer and Optimist Nationals in

July and August.

People can also take part in sporting challenges such as Bustin-Skin multi-event series, Round-the-Rock 10K, Portland 10 mile road race and Dumble Bumble Fun Run on Portland, the Weymouth 10 Mile Race on Weymouth Seafront and the ASA Long Distance Swimming Championships.

July and August is al-

ways a great time to try out a sport and join in the fun on Weymouth Beach and this year the Ecover Blue Mile will be back with an open-water swim, kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding.

This will be part of the Dorset Festival of Sports which will feature the Beach Sports Festival, the Battens Charity Beach Volleyball and the

Challenge Weymouth.

For the events happening in Weymouth and Portland go to [www.visitweymouth.co.uk](http://www.visitweymouth.co.uk).

HAVING recently visited South West Coaches, I was met with a warm welcome at a privately owned, family run company. Upon entering reception I learnt that they run a number of excellent value holidays to a variety of different places, as well as many short breaks and day trips.

The business is owned by Mr and Mrs Alan Graham, who operate from three locations: Lufton Business Park in Yeovil, Southgate Road in Wincanton and Tradecroft Industrial Estate on the Isle of Portland.

In 1987 Mr & Mrs Graham went into business buying a third of a company called A. G. Hulbert and Son. A.G. Hulbert and Son operated from Victoria Road, Yeovil and successfully ran a fleet of around 14 minibuses which ranged from 8 seats to 24 seats. The vehicles were used to transport children and adults to various schools in and around Yeovil, they also specialised in PHAB transportation (Physically Handicapped Able Bodied). Mr Graham's passion for the bus industry was soon realised and he grew the company over a period of 13 years adding day excursions & holidays to his portfolio. The fleet also grew at which point an opportunity came his way...

In 2000 a local company called Wakes Services came on the market. This company was based in Wincanton which posed a different set of challenges. Knowing that the operation in Yeovil was becoming larger Mr Graham decided to merge A.G. Hulbert & Son with Wakes Services thus creating South West Coaches Ltd. The company was now providing minibus transport, school transport, public transport and private hire work alongside day excursions and holiday tours but this time on a much larger scale as the company was now in ownership of a fleet of large buses and coaches taking the total fleet size to in excess of 50 vehicles. The Victoria Road site was quickly sold and a yard on Lufton Business Park was purchased. Over the following years Mr & Mrs Graham became the

sole owners of South West Coaches Ltd.

South West Coaches went from strength to strength and in 2007 Safeway Services came on the market and a purchase agreement was made. In the same year Yeovil Town saw a major boost to its infrastructure with four brand new Optare Solo buses, this was soon followed by a new Optare Versa for the 81 South Petherton service and an additional new vehicle to the No 1 Shepton Mallet service. The most recent purchase came in 2009 when they entered Dorset and purchased an operation on the Isle of Portland, Sureline was now part of the South West Coaches group.

They are currently one of the largest privately owned coach operators in the South West of England, employing over 120 members of staff, with a fleet of 98 vehicles. They continue to operate Bus Services throughout Somerset, Wiltshire and Dorset with more than 629,000 journeys every year. The School transport operation helps to get in excess of 2,500 students to and from School and College every day, and the day excursion programme offers more than 150 days out throughout the year, whilst the 2014 Tour programme has over 20 holidays & short breaks to choose from.



## Benefits advice

BENEFITS advice sessions are being held on the second Tuesday of each month from 9.30am-11.30am at Weymouth Community Fire Station.

The sessions, which are strictly by appointment for Dorset residents only, are being arranged jointly by Age UK Dorchester and Dorset County Council's Welfare Benefits Team who are working together to provide benefits advice and help to older people in West Dorset.

To make an appointment, please contact Age UK Dorchester on 01305 269444.

Visit [www.ageuk.org.uk/dorchester](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/dorchester) for more information.

The next surgeries are on February 13th and March 14th.

## Big band concert

THE Rex Trevett Big Band from Bridport will be in concert at Weymouth Bay Methodist Church on Saturday, February 22nd at 7.45pm.

Tickets are available from Pete on 01305-812637 and cost £6 in advance or £6.50 on the door.

The following weekend will see Brass Tacks in concert at Weymouth Bay Methodist Church on Saturday, March 1st, at 7.30pm.

Admission is free and there will be a collection for the band's cornet player, Keith, who is running the London Marathon for CLIC Sargent.

## Social night for sailability

PEOPLE are invited to a social pub night in Weymouth being held by Chesil Sailability.

The event will be held at the John Gregory pub in Southill on Tuesday, February 11th, at 7.30pm.

Chesil says it will be an opportunity for people to meet members of the group and find out more about it.

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## Style secrets for the mature woman

A WORKSHOP run by local businesses to help women over 55 look and feel their best proved to be a sell-out success.

More than 50 people attended the Style and Colour Night held at Highclere House care home in Weymouth which showcased style secrets and beauty tips for mature women.

The event was attended by the Mayor of Weymouth and Portland, Councillor Ray Banham who was keen to find out what colour suited him best.

He said: "Personally, I've always liked to wear light blue suits. I call them my 'showbiz suits' – I think they are quite well known in Weymouth.

"Highclere House is like a 5 star hotel. There isn't another care home like it in Weymouth. It really is the best. It is great to see so many people enjoying the facilities and treating themselves to some style advice and a pampering."

Helen Walker and her team from Breeze Salon on St Edmond Street in



■ FROM the left are Mayoress Councillor Pam Nixon, Helen Holden, Mayor Councillor Ray Banham, Vicki Gray, Helen Walker and Deborah Holmes of Highclere House

Weymouth were on hand offering nail, hair and beauty treatments, assisted by beauty therapist students from Weymouth College.

Helen said: "The beauty industry is so buoyant at the moment with people looking for a quick 'pick-me-up' treatment to help lift their mood or a chance for some relaxation.

"Many of my clients

are older women who just want little time to enjoy some pampering and have a chat and Highclere House's spa is ideal for that.

"Tonight's sample sessions have been a real success and prove just that.

"I hope to work with the home and its spa facilities in the future and hopefully make it a permanent event for the

residents and the public too."

Vicki Gray, Colour Consultant with House of Colour advised guests on how to wear colours that complement their skin tone and how to wear the right style for their body shape.

She said: "As women age and reach retirement they feel it is no longer important to look and

feel their best, but in fact how they dress can affect their mood, mentality and attitude so it is so important for them to retain that sense of identity and learn to embrace what they have."

Highclere House Home Manager Helen Holden said: "It's been a fabulous evening and I think we have all learnt so much - style is for life not just for the young."



■ SOME of those at the Weymouth and Portland Holzwicke Twinning Society annual meeting

## New chairman for twinning society

ALDERMAN Graham Winter has become the new chairman of Weymouth and Portland Holzwicke Twinning Society.

He took up office at the Society's recent annual meeting where all were welcomed by the president, Weymouth and Portland Mayor Councillor Ray Banham.

Retiring chairman Colin Evans looked back on another successful year of varied social and cultural events coupled with the biennial visit to Weymouth by friends from Holzwicke.

Newly elected chairman Mr Winter said that he was pleased to accept the position and looked forward to the year ahead.

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# Marine charity backs dolphin campaign

THE company behind the Weymouth Sea Life Park has launched a new international marine conservation charity.

The Sea Life Marine Conservation Trust announced its arrival in the green arena by roundly condemning the latest massacre of dolphins in Taiji, Japan.

Head of Conservation Sarah Taylor appealed to zoos and aquaria who are fuelling the dolphin hunt with demand for captive animals to withdraw any association with the dolphin drive fishery.

She said: "Dolphins are herded into a cove and after some have been removed to go to captive facilities, the rest are cruelly butchered."

"Yearly quotas for these hunts run into thousands. They are a brutal reminder that we have a very long way to go in securing a safe and humane future for all whales and dolphins."

"We are proud to be working alongside global organisations such as the Whale and Dolphin Conservation group, to end the Taiji horror."

"This campaign very much reflects the new trust's objectives and is a good place for us to start."

The trust has also set a 2014 fundraising target of more than £250,000 with support already ear-marked for an anti-whaling campaign, sponsorship of a Marine Protected Area, turtle rescue and efforts to stem shark-finning and the use of seahorses in traditional Chinese medicines.

As well as a host of fundraising mechanics deployed by Sea Life centres, the proceeds from a day's trading across the whole global Sea Life estate will be donated by parent company Merlin.

Curator Fiona Smith said: "Staff here at Weymouth Sea Life and across the estate are dedicated to doing what they can to help the marine world and the launch of the trust is the perfect reward for that dedication."

The Weymouth attraction hosted its own successful conservation evening in support of several charities last summer and will be hosting special shark and turtle conservation events this year.

They also assisted in a local beach clean after severe storms where marine life including dolphins had been washed up covered in fishing nets.



■ SOME of the rubbish washed up on Chesil Beach that was cleaned up by staff for Weymouth's Sealife Centre

## Town encouraged to get behind fairtrade fortnight

THE Co-operative supermarket is encouraging people in Dorset to look ahead to Fairtrade Fortnight 2014 (which runs from February 24th to March 9th).

The Co-operative are providing members with a "Join In Fairtrade" toolkit to help them stage their own events to raise awareness of Fairtrade.

Groups or individuals can apply for a special Join In Fairtrade Fortnight toolkit, which contains everything they need to plan local Fairtrade activities. Packs include a voucher for buying Fairtrade products at Co-operative food stores, a film about Fairtrade, a quiz, an information booklet, a poster, and some stickers.

Members of The Co-operative are urged to stage any event to help raise awareness of the Fairtrade movement. These could include fashion shows, coffee mornings or wine tastings.

The consumer-owned retailer has been a strong sup-

porter of the Fairtrade movement for many years, since becoming the first high street retailer to list Cafédirect in 1992.

Now, The Co-operative stocks the widest range of Fairtrade grocery products of any UK supermarket with 230 different lines, and is this year celebrating 10 years of Fairtrade wine.

Fay Bowden, Membership Officer for The Co-operative in the Dorset area said: "As the UK's largest mutual retailer, we have been at the forefront of developing Fairtrade products and promoting the principles of Fairtrade.

"Our sales figures show how important Fairtrade is to our customers and, thanks to their continued support, we can ensure a better deal for growers in developing countries whose families can also look forward to a better future.

"As well as staging our own Fairtrade wine tasting events and hosting a Fairtrade producer during Fairtrade Fortnight, we are particularly pleased to be able to offer community groups throughout the region this Join In Fairtrade toolkit to enable members to make a difference on their own doorsteps."

To apply for a Join In Fairtrade toolkit contact 0800 088 4862 or visit [www.co-operative.coop/fairtrade/campaign-toolkit](http://www.co-operative.coop/fairtrade/campaign-toolkit).

## The Christian Column

### AS I SEE IT ...

by Geoff Treleaven

### Jumping to conclusions

THERE have been occasions when I have talked to people about a particular situation and they have assumed a meaning I did not intend or express. They have even guessed they knew what I was thinking!

For those who want to know the truth, it is always wiser to check first. It is so easy to misunderstand. As the Bible says: "He who answers before listening - that is his folly and his shame." (Proverbs 18:13).

When I was a prison visitor, the chaplain once gave me specific instructions which I totally observed. But because another visitor who was with me acted otherwise, I was blamed for the outcome! The chaplain never asked me for my explanation. I also remember when a fellow believer held such fixed opposing views to mine, he told me he didn't care what I said. So I said nothing. There are occasions when argument achieves nothing.

I think the lesson from these examples is obvious. Rather than assuming conclusions from what someone has said or done, we should make certain there is a correct understanding between us. Unfortunately, misunderstandings, taken to an extreme, can spoil a good friendship and even lead to unnecessary quarrels.

If you have a news story for Weymouth or Portland email [hdswalton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hdswalton@yahoo.co.uk)

## Thieves steel roof rack clips

THIEVES have stolen three roof rack cover clips from an unattended vehicle in East Wyld Road, Weymouth.

Police said that the incident on January 27th happened between 9am and 1.15pm.

Anyone who saw anything suspicious or who has any information about the incident should contact Dorset Police on 101 or Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 quoting Crime Number 003662.

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# Weymouth Matters

## A personal View by HARRY WALTON

### Anyone for nuts?

ANYONE for peanuts? Surely someone out there must want some?

Well, to be honest, someone out there doesn't want peanuts because they're throwing them out to feed squirrels who need no second invitation to boost their winter food stores.

Unfortunately squirrels are also notorious for burying their snacks ready to be retrieved when winter times get hard.

We watched in disbelief as one squirrel came into our garden and right up to the window, bold as brass, where it inspected our pots of flower displays before selecting one to bury its peanut in.

A couple of indignant bangs on the glass sent it hastily packing, but this is just one squirrel we happened to spot. How many more of them are there out there that we've missed seeing burying peanuts in our garden?

I know it happens because last summer, busily weeding the vegetable patch, I pulled up a plant I hadn't seen before to discover it had sprouted from a squirrel's buried peanut. Thank God they don't have sequoia seeds at their disposal!

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### Music vandalism brings tears to my eyes!

WHEN I heard this yarn it almost brought a tear to my eye at the tragic music loss involved.

I was certainly prompted to check my own store of old 78 records almost for reassurance that they were still there because this is a tale of playfulness and the cost involved for a few seconds of fun.

The scene is Littlemoor in Weymouth some years ago and a bunch of feisty kids out in the countryside.

### Islanders furious at precept proposal...and so they should be

IF Portlanders needed something to stir them up then suggesting their council tax precept should go up by 1,000 per cent was bound to provoke a strong reaction.

Already firmly convinced that Portland doesn't get the same crack of the whip that Weymouth does, islanders are furious at the precept proposals to boost coffers even if the money is destined for island use.

When all is said and done I can understand their feelings because paying £32 for a pint of beer, £70

There were no such things as Frisbees in those days but similar inventiveness was richly available and the youngsters had simply grabbed a few handfuls of old 78s and gone out to skim them across the fields with the inevitable smashing results.

SMASH! went one of Glen Miller's finest, CRASH! went Elvis and BASH! went Frank Sinatra, recordings which now must be worth considerable sums of money.

So you might think the youngsters committing this music vandalism had no sense of value, no appreciation for music...but you'd be wrong.

One of those children - now a 56-year-old - said they did keep a single 78 "because we were kids and we didn't want anything to happen to it". The recording in question was Sparky's Magic Piano. Well, they were kids!

have to wake up sooner or later to the fact that the way they sometimes carry things out is flawed and needs changing.

Lack of communication has been at the root of many past complaints and it has reared its head again over the precept. Something has to be done to rectify so simple a failing but I'm not holding my breath.

I think tonight's people power may drive the point home and it seems likely that proposals for just a two per cent precept increase may win the day.

### Marmalade or chutney?

PREGNANT women have been known to crave weird dishes such as fish cakes and custard and finicky children can sometimes be coaxed into having something to eat using unusual ingredients.

go in to here.

The reason for my laughter was that my wife, heroically caring for me and fighting life on all fronts practically on her own, is well known for not being at her best in the early morning.

So this morning in question she had brought me my toast and marmalade...but she had to turn round, take it back and produce another lot for me.

Why? Well she'd been on bleary auto pilot and it was only as she brought the toast in to me that she realised that the jar of marmalade she'd used had actually been a jar of pungent chutney!

If I'd consumed that I'd have had no problem going to the loo for a while!

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# Students test out seahorse costume ahead of parade

A SPECTACULAR seahorse costume in production since early December has been unveiled for the benefit of Budmouth Technology College students in Weymouth.

The incredible 45-foot Carnival-style costume was created by artist and designer Sarah Butterworth at her studio in Compton Valence.

Destined for a Chinese New Year event in Manchester, Sarah was only too happy to have the Budmouth students put it through its paces first.

Weymouth Sea Life Park spokesman Laura Culshaw said: "The college is using seahorses as the theme for a community art project this year."

"They plan to produce 150 decorative wooden seahorses and feature them as a spectacular wall display at the Sea Life Park."

Laura and her Sea Life colleagues

hosted the students on a visit to see living seahorses at the park after their visit to Compton Valence.

Weymouth Sea Life cluster marketing manager Lucy Putt said: "The big seahorse appeared at Manchester's Chinatown as part of an appeal by Manchester Sea Life Centre for China to remember the 'seahorse' during its Year of The Horse.

"They thought it would be a very striking way of appealing to the community and afar to help stem the annual toll of seahorses killed for traditional medicines.

"Latest estimates suggest the number killed every year could be as high as 150 million."

## Sign up to library's six book challenge

LIBRARIES across Dorset are joining forces with crime drama author Martina Cole for this year's Six Book Challenge.

Now in its eighth year, the national initiative is organised by The Reading Agency to encourage more people to read.

All participants have to do is pick six reads of your choice and complete a reading diary. You can also share your reading choices with other participants at the Six Book Challenge website as well as rate and review what you read, and search for your next book.

At the end of the challenge, those who sign up will get a certificate and be entered in a draw to win both national and local prizes.

Staff at all county council run libraries will be on hand to provide help and advice to anyone interested in taking up the challenge, which runs from until the end of June.

Councillor Peter Finney, Cabinet member for community services at Dorset County Council, said: "As a county council, we are very concerned about people who have poor reading skills, so we fully support this initiative.

"We are encouraging people in Dorset to take up the Six Book Challenge and uncover the sheer pleasure of reading and the benefits it brings. A recent survey revealed that ninety per cent of people taking part said that they were more confident about reading after completing the challenge.

"Whether you are new to reading or haven't taken out a book in a while, Dorset libraries guarantee a warm welcome and will help you on your reading journey."

National ambassador for this year's challenge, Martina Cole, said: "The wonderful thing about the Six Book Challenge is that people who don't normally read, or who think that reading isn't their bag, are encouraged to pick up a book.

"When you read a book you have to picture it all in your own mind. No one tells you what you're seeing or what you should be feeling. That's the secret of reading – it's such a personal thing."

"Reading can open so many doors in life," said Genevieve Clarke, who leads The Reading Agency's Six Book Challenge and adult literacy work.

"We're really pleased to have Martina Cole on board plus fabulous support from partners such as Dorset as we take the scheme to even more people who will benefit from it."

## Vandals throw stones at car

VANDALS have smashed the rear passenger side window of a black Ford Fiesta parked in Leeds, Crescent, Weymouth.

Police say the incident, which happened

between 5.30pm on January 30th and 8am on January 31st, was caused by vandals throwing stones at the car.

Anyone who saw anything suspicious or

who has any information about the incident should contact Dorset Police on 101 or Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 quoting Crime Number 004206.



SEA Life recruited Sarah Butterworth to make the seahorse after learning of her earlier project – Horace the Pliosaur – a 35ft model of a prehistoric marine reptile which appeared at festivals and events all over the South West last summer

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# Don't face blindness alone

by Trevor Bevins

ALMOST 5,000 Dorset residents registered as blind or partially sighted are aged 75 or older – many of them facing problems of isolation, according to the Dorset Blind Association.

The association says that as people grow older social networks break down as friends and relatives pass away and many who came to the county to retire often find themselves coping alone.

A report by the NatCen social research body claims the older blind and visually impaired have difficulties trying to access health services, feel a lower sense of wellbeing, are more prone to lack self-confidence and feel their overall health is adversely affected. This group of people are also more prone to depression.

"So many live alone and often have other challenges such as age related hearing loss and/or other physical health problems or mobility restrictions commonly associated with older age," Dorset Blind Association Chief Executive officer Jonathan Holyhead explains.

"That is why the work carried out by the Dorset Blind Association and its volunteers is so vital."

"For those who have no local family support the Dorset Blind Association becomes the replacement and we quickly become the re-assurance or safety net which they need in their lives."

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"We want to continue providing that help for as long as we can and for as many people as we can."

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## Volunteers needed for verge survey

VOLUNTEERS are needed to survey roadside verges throughout the South Dorset Ridgeway area.

The Lottery-funded South Dorset Ridgeway Project will see volunteers visit each section of verge a minimum of twice during the growing season of 2014.

Verges will then be assessed for their wildlife value and their potential for improvement. A contractor will then be engaged to carry out appropriate restoration and enhancement management of selected sites during the following season of 2015.

During the remaining three years of the project, to 2018, these verges will be monitored for any signs of improvement.

"Roadside Verges are a very important part of our landscape adding to the beauty of the area, but they are also very important corridors for wildlife. You can play

your part in helping to identify the best," said Joy Wallis at Dorset Wildlife Trust.

Volunteers should be reasonably fit and able to enter their findings online, for which training will be

given, if needed.

For further information contact Joy Wallis, Community Conservation Officer, [jwallis@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:jwallis@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk) or telephone 07891 009951.



■ TYPICAL roadside verge – subject of a study in the South Dorset Ridgeway area this year

## Hospital looking to recruit board members

DORSET County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is on the lookout for two new non-executive directors to join its board.

Applications are invited from people with board or senior-level experience and expertise in accountancy and/or commerce, and those who are established figures in the local community.

Trust Chairman Dr Jeffrey Ellwood said: "We are looking for exceptional individuals who are passionate about

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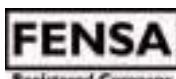
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■ PINK Sea Fan on cod Ledge at Lyme Bay

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## New byelaws protecting seabed habitats welcomed

THE Dorset Wildlife Trust (DWT) has welcomed the announcement from Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (Southern IFCA) of two new byelaws to protect high risk and sensitive marine habitats in Dorset, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

These byelaws will

now protect reef and seagrass habitats in European Marine Sites (EMS) from potentially damaging mobile fishing gear, such as dredges and trawls, and bait gathering practices.

In Dorset, these EMS's lie within the areas of: Lyme Bay; Studland to Portland; Chesil and The Fleet and Poole Harbour. Enforcement of these byelaws means that up to 25 per cent of the total Southern IFCA district area will be permanently closed to high impact, damaging mobile fishing methods.

The new byelaws include the prohibition of bottom towed fishing

gear and gathering in seagrass beds.

DWT Marine Conservation Officer, Emma Rance said: "These byelaws represent a great step forward in conservation.

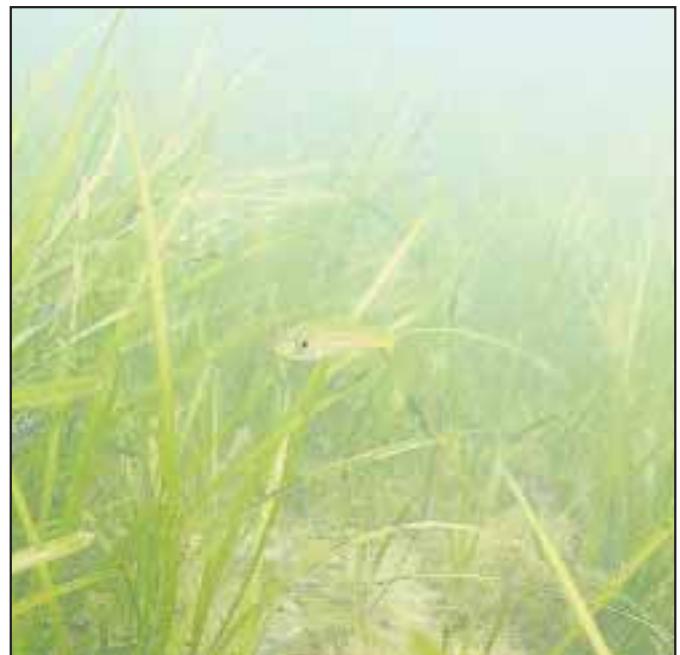
"Rocky reef habitats support slow growing sponges and corals. Eelgrass meadows provide a nursery for juvenile commercial fish species and sea horses. Both habitats are vulnerable to irreversible damage when dredged or trawled.

"The byelaws will prevent any further habitat loss and in doing so, maintain the health, productivity and economic value of the marine en-

vironment for fishermen and conservationists alike."

Many of the fishing methods used to catch the 40 different commercial species in Dorset are static in nature and have a low impact on seabed habitats. These methods include rod and line, pots, traps and gill nets. The low impact traditional fishery is recommended through Dorset Wildlife Trust's Great Dorset Seafood campaign, which supports the sale of seafood caught using environmentally sensitive methods.

Visit [www.greatdorsetseafood.org](http://www.greatdorsetseafood.org) for more information.



■ BABY Pollack in seagrass

Photo by Peter Tinsley

## Join the coast to coast cycle challenge for air ambulance

RIDERS are being sought for this year's Coast to Coast bicycle challenge to raise money for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

The ride, more than 54 miles from the north Somerset coast to West

Bay, will take place on May 18th.

For those not keen on the full distance a shorter 11-mile route will start at Drimpton, finishing at West Bay on the same day.

Numbers for the event are restricted to 600

with riders using quiet roads, where possible.

More than £60,000 was raised last year from the event.

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'And now...now we've got blue chip companies like Barclaycard, Pearson Education, Red Bull, Network Rail, the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Bafta and Cambridge University among the customers whom we have helped to make happy.'

Creative Solutions are in the attention business; that key to the success of any company – key because in today's multiple-option marketplace catching the eye of a customer is what counts. As the old adage says, out of sight is out of mind – but because Creative Solutions are also the specialists in large format printing, your business banners could put you massively in the mind of your market.

'That's what it all boils down to in business; getting noticed, catching the eye,' says Ben. 'You can have the best product or service on the planet, but if nobody's noticing you, you won't sell it.'

### Attention to detail

And this of course is why successful local businesses from River Cottage, Axminster Tools and Hix's Restaurants to Palmer's Brewery, Groves Nursery, Total Plumbing and Dorset Tea all turned to Creative Solutions when they needed to get noticed.

'If you'll excuse the pun, attention is the sign of the times,' says Ben.

'But more than that, it's a case of our attention to your detail. No matter how big or small the job our team can make you stand out. Because we use the latest technology and machines we can print onto pretty much anything you want, and as big as you want.'

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### BUSINESS PROFILE

by Geoff Baker

these young, vibrant minds behind the business which has become one of the UK's leading print and display specialists, and something of a feather in the cap of West Country enterprise.

'We're a rapidly-growing company but we like to keep the team tight because the familiar face, the personal touch gives us a first-name relationship with our customers. We're all very hands-on because that makes it easier to brain-storm solutions, which we do a lot,' said Ben.

Over in Lyme Regis the community has known the friendly bright sparks of Creative Solutions for many years. Ben and his operations manager brother Jedd, sales manager Chris Lenton and production manager Matt Coalter all live locally and became popular in Lyme long before their success caused the need for the company to recently expand to their purpose-built premises on Axminster's Millwey Rise Trading Estate.

'Now that we've got a new, bigger base we are able to offer an even larger selection of products and services at the same, or even better, prices and quality,' said Ben.

'There are all sorts of new ways with printing these days – for instance, we can print your wallpaper for your offices, or even for your home. Bring us your own design, or our designer will work with you, and we can print your own personalised wallpaper for any room in your house. We could even print you a new view to go in your garden.'

'As another instance, vehicle livery – what you say on your van – is an advertising opportunity that many businesses have yet to exploit to its fullest potential. We can help make your vehicle the eye-catcher on the road. We recently designed an especially attention-grabbing look for Lyme fishmonger Simon Bennett's Wet Fish Shop truck and now it's standing out in the traffic on his deliveries all over London.'

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# Dorset's businesses



■ STAFF from Greenwood Grange, Dorchester collect the bronze award for Self Catering Establishment Of The Year award

TOURISM businesses from across Dorset were celebrating in Plymouth last week at the South West Tourism Excellence Awards.

Sixty six awards were presented to businesses from across the south west with Dorset's tourism sector well represented.

The awards broke the previous records for entries, with a new awards scheme in Dorset attracting entries from the east of the region, which saw more than 350 entries considered.

Among the winners from Dorset were Highlands End Holiday Park from Bridport which took gold in

the Holiday Park Of The Year Category, The Dorset Seafood Festival in Weymouth took Silver in The Tourism Event of the Year award and Lyme Regis Tourist Information won bronze in the Tourist Information Service of the Year award.

Beaminster's BridgeHouse Hotel was named highly commended in the Small Hotel of the Year and Dorchester's Greenwood Grange won bronze in the Self Catering Establishment of the Year category.

Up to four Award winners from each category in this year's awards will all go on to represent the re-

gion at the National Enjoy England Awards for Excellence in May.

Chair of Judges, Alistair Hand-side, said: "It's that time of year when the tourism industry get together to present the top businesses in our region with their well-deserved awards. This year we have had the most entries ever and the most challenging judging, the list of finalists really does look like a who's who of the best in the South West. Once again the entrants have surpassed themselves in showing that investment, innovation and creativity remain at the heart of the visitor economy in the region."

### The winners of the South West Tourism Awards were:

#### Bed & Breakfast And Guest Accommodation Of The Year

- Sponsored by e-Strategy: Gold - Pentillie Castle, St Mellion, Cornwall; Silver - The Seafood Restaurant, Padstow, Cornwall; Bronze - Launceston Farm B&B, Blandford Forum, Dorset and Pendragon Country House, Davidstow, Cornwall; and Highly Commended - The Elmdene, Torquay, Devon and The Village Pub, Cirencester, Glos.

**Self Catering Establishment Of The Year** - Sponsored by Pavey Group: Gold - Headland Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall; Sil-

ver - Seahorse Apartments & Westward Living at Duckhaven Stud, Westward Ho! Devon; Bronze - The Big House Company, Wellington, Somerset and Greenwood Grange, Dorchester, Dorset; and Highly Commended - Little White Alice, Carnmenellis, Cornwall and West Pitt Farm, Tiverton, Devon.

**Tourism Event Of The Year** - Sponsored by A Head for PR: Gold - Ageas Salisbury International Arts Festival, Salisbury, Wilts; Silver - Dorset Seafood Festival, Weymouth, Dorset and Falmouth Oyster Festival, Falmouth, Cornwall; Bronze - RNAS



■ DORSET Seafood Festival based in Weymouth wins the silver award for Tourism Event of the Year

# top tourism awards



## HIGHLAND'S End Holiday Park won gold for Holiday Park of the Year award

Yeovilton International Air Day, Yeovilton, Somerset; and Highly Commended - Exeter Festival of South West Food & Drink, Exeter, Devon and Veuve Clicquot Polo on the Peach, Watergate Bay, Cornwall.

**Holiday Park Of The Year** - Sponsored by Stephens Scown solicitors: Gold - Highlands End Holiday Park, Bridport, Dorset; Silver - Wooda Farm Holiday Park, Poughill, Cornwall; Bronze - Coffton Country Holidays, Dawlish, Devon and Gwel an Mor Resort, Portreath, Cornwall; and Highly Commended - Finlake Holiday Park, Chudleigh, Devon; The Park Mawgan Porth, Mawgan Porth, Cornwall; Perran Sands Holiday Park, Perranporth, Cornwall and South Lytchett Manor Caravan and Camping Park, Lytchett Minster, Dorset.

**Tourist Information Service Of The Year** - Sponsored by Quality in Tourism: Gold - English Riviera Visitor Information Service, Devon; Silver - Dartmouth Tourist Information Centre, Devon

Bronze - Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre, Dorset and Poole Welcome Centre, Dorset; and Highly Commended - Bodmin Visitor Information Centre, Cornwall; Ilfracombe Tourist Information Centre, Devon and Launceston TIC, Cornwall.

**Venue & Business Tourism Award** - Sponsored by Lloyds Bank Commercial Banking: Gold - Arundell Arms Hotel, Lifton, Devon;

Silver - Deer Park Country House Hotel, Weston, Devon; and Bronze - Dartington Hall, Dartington, Devon.

**Small Visitor Attraction Of The Year** - Sponsored by Resort South West: Gold - National Trust Coleridge Cottage, Nether Stowey, Somerset; Silver - Geevor Tin Mine, Pendeen, Cornwall; Bronze - St Austell Brewery Visitor Centre, St Austell, Cornwall and Tiverton Museum of Mid Devon Life, Tiverton, Devon; and Highly Commended - National Trust Trerice, Kestle Mill, Cornwall and Wild Futures Monkey Sanctuary, Looe, Cornwall.

**Tourism Activity, Sport & Experience Of The Year** - Sponsored by Moore Scarrott: Gold - Calvert Trust Exmoor, Kentisbury, Devon;

Silver - Arundell Arms Hotel, Lifton, Devon and National Trust Brownsea Island, Poole, Dorset; Bronze - Polkerris Beach, Polkerris, Cornwall; and Highly Commended - Big Zoo Animals Keeper Experience at Noah's Ark Zoo Farm, Wraxall, Somerset and Le Vignoble, Plymouth, Devon.

**Tourism Superstar Award For Customer Service** - Sponsored by The Met Office: Joint Gold - Dickon Allen from Montacute House, Montacute, Somerset and Matt Druce from Westward Living at Duckhaven Stud, Westward Ho! Devon; and Joint Silver - Geoff Curtis from Brownsea Island, Poole, Dorset and Christina Hornsby from Perran Sands Holiday Park, Perranporth, Cornwall.

**Taste Of South West Award** - Sponsored by Hale Events: Joint Gold - Bybrook Restaurant at the Manor House, Castle Combe, Wiltshire and River Cottage Canteen & Deli, Plymouth, Devon; Joint Silver - Eastbury Hotel, Sherborne, Dorset and The

Herring, Mawgan Porth, Cornwall; Highly Commended - Juliet's Garden Restaurant & Bar, St Mary's, Isles of Scilly; Northcote Manor Country House Hotel, Umberleigh, Devon; Porthminster Beach Cafe, St Ives, Cornwall and Tudor Farmhouse Hotel & Restaurant, Clearwell, Glos.

**Tourism Pub Of The Year** - Sponsored by Purple Cloud Consultancy: Gold - Pandora Inn, Mylor, Cornwall; Silver - The Cornish Arms, St Merryn, Cornwall and Start Bay Inn, Torcross Devon; Bronze - The New Inn, Tresco, Isles of Scilly; and Highly Commended - The Inn at Cranborne, Cranborne, Dorset; The Jack in the Green, Rockbeare, Devon and The Lamb Inn, Sandford, Devon.

**Sustainable Tourism Award** - Sponsored by Plymouth University, School of Tourism & Hospitality: Gold - Little White Alice, Carriemillies, Cornwall; Silver - Compton Pool Farm, Marldon, Devon; Bronze - Arundell Arms Hotel, Lifton, Devon and Railholiday, St Germans, Cornwall; and Highly Commended - Hedgehog Corner, Uplyme, Devon and Pennywell Farm, Buckfastleigh, Devon.

**Large Visitor Attraction Of The Year** - Sponsored by Take One Media: Gold - Longleat, Wiltshire, Wilts; Silver - The Big Sheep, Bideford, Devon; Bronze - Cotehele, Saltash, Cornwall and Trebah Garden, Mawman Smith, Cornwall; Highly Commended - Eden Project, Bodelva, Cornwall; The Lost Gardens of Heligan, Pentewan, Cornwall; RHS Garden Rosemoor, Great Torrington, Devon and Pennywell Farm, Buckfastleigh, Devon.

**Access For All Award** - Sponsored by Tourism for All: Gold - Calvert Trust Exmoor, Kentisbury, Devon; Silver - A Little Bit of Heaven, Lostwithiel, Cornwall and Mortons House Hotel, Corfe Castle, Dorset; Bronze - Countryside Mobility South West, Exeter, Devon; and Highly Commended - Wingz Bird & Animal Sanctuary, Par, Cornwall.

**Large Hotel Of The Year** - Sponsored by Hotel Perfect: Gold - Lucknam Park Hotel & Spa, Colerne, Wilts; Silver - Headland Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall and The Manor House Hotel & Golf Club, Castle Combe, Wilts; Bronze - Bedruthan Hotel & Spa, Mawgan Porth, Cornwall.

**Small Hotel Of The Year** - Sponsored by Buckleigh Linen Services

Gold - The Old Rectory Hotel, Martinhoe, Devon; Silver - Hell Bay Hotel, Bryher, Isles of Scilly; Bronze - Barnsley House Hotel, Cirencester, Glos and Talland Bay Hotel, Looe, Cornwall; Highly Commended - The Alverton, Truro, Cornwall; BridgeHouse Hotel, Beaminster, Dorset; and Percy's Country Hotel, Virginstow, Devon.

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## STAFF from Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre win bronze in the Tourist Information Service of the Year category

**Love is in the Air**  
Celebrate Valentine's Day with the help of these local businesses

## The Story of St. Valentine

IN 270 A.D., marriage had been outlawed by the emperor of Rome, Claudius II. Claudius issued this decree because he thought that married men made bad soldiers since they were reluctant to be torn away from their families in the case of war. Claudius had also outlawed Christianity in this time period because he wished to be praised as the one supreme god, the Emperor of Rome. Valentine was the bishop of Interamna during this period of oppression. Valentine thought that the decrees of Rome were wrong. He believed that people should be free to love God and to marry. Valentine invited the young couples of the area to come to him. When they came, Valentine secretly performed services of matrimony and united the couples.

Valentine was eventually caught and was brought before the emperor. The emperor saw that Valentine had conviction and drive that was unsurpassed among his men.



Claudius tried and tried to persuade Valentine to leave Christianity, serve the Roman empire and the Roman gods. In exchange, Claudius would pardon him and make him one of his allies. St. Valentine held to his faith and did not renounce Christ. Because of this, the emperor sentenced him to a three-part execution. First, Valentine would be beaten, then stoned, and then finally, decapitated. Valentine died on February 14th, 270 A.D.

While in prison, waiting for his sentence to be carried out, Valentine fell in love with the jailer's daughter, the blind Asterius. During the course of Valentine's prison stay, a miracle occurred and Asterius regained her sight. Valentine sent her a final farewell note. He signed his last note, "From Your Valentine." Even today, this message remains as the motto for our Valentine's Day celebrations.

## The Millside Restaurant

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## Valentine's Menu 14th, 15th February 2014

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Beef scotch egg, pear puree, raddichio.

Beetroot cured salmon, pickled cucumbers, creme fraiche.

Scallop and sea bass carpaccio, pickled baby vegetables, chilli lime yogurt.

### Mojito Sorbet

### Main Courses

Sirloin steak, smoked tomatoes, creamed mushrooms, braised shallots, garlic butter, triple cooked chips.

Pulled Pork, black pudding, red cabbage, duchess potato, pork jus.

Steamed sea bass, potato and parsnip rosti, julienne of vegetables, white wine reduction.

Grilled Cod, white bean stew, mussels, bacon.

Roasted squash and artichoke risotto, pickled walnuts, watercress, Parmesan toast.

Roasted and smoked celeriac, spinach and cave aged cheddar tart, celeriac puree, roasted root vegetables.

### Desserts

Chocolate and pistachio fondant, chambord ice cream.

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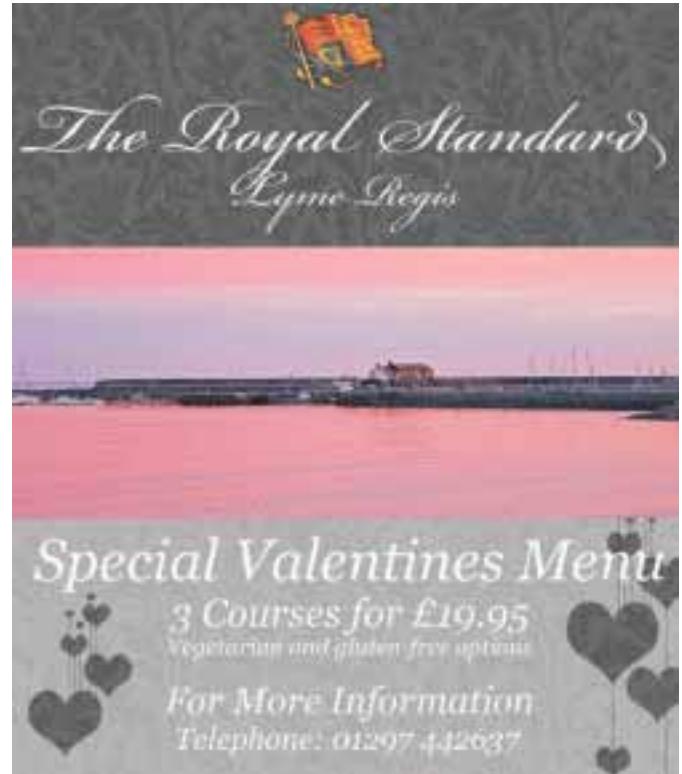
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# Love is in the Air

Celebrate Valentine's Day with the  
help of these local businesses



## Symondsbury Kitchen

THE most recent transformation on Symondsbury Estate is the new café – *Symondsbury Kitchen*.

The Symondsbury Kitchen offers a selection of seasonal locally sourced and home cooked food, and the ethos is to offer delicious food in the most stunning and relaxing surroundings.

Seating up to 30 people inside, and the same amount outside in the warmer months, it's the ideal spot for lunch. There is also a relaxing corner, where you can "chill out" on the sofas and soak up the warm and cosy ambience whilst enjoying afternoon tea with cake.

Currently open from Thursday through to Sunday for Breakfast, Lunch and afternoon teas, delicious home-made cakes, coffee, hot chocolate, tea, cold drinks, and daily special lunches. All are welcome including dogs!

Friday, February 14th will see the Kitchen opening in the evening for the first time – offering a Valentine's Meal. The guest chef is Nick Holt of Dorset Fine Dining – two and three courses are available, and bookings are essential.

Late last year, Symondsbury Estate transformed a somewhat disheveled Milking Shed into Symondsbury Kitchen. Its now hard to believe that this beautiful café used to house around 30 cows and two milkmaids! Sympathetic renovations have trans-

formed this building whilst still managing to retain many of the original features and character.

We have also created an 8km XC mountain bike and walking trail, which starts and finishes at Manor Yard, making Symondsbury Kitchen the perfect place to gather after a winter walk or bike ride through the stunning countryside.

Tea parties for children can be arranged, and the venue is available for private hire both at lunchtimes and evenings.

There is a selection of different ven-

ues throughout the Estate that are available for private hire, and the Estate welcome any local community groups or clubs that are looking for a meeting place. All catering can be arranged for you, whatever the occasion.

Everyone at the Symondsbury Kitchen pride themselves on being flexible, so if you have a specific request please contact them and they will be happy to discuss your requirements and create a tailor made package to suit your needs.

They look forward to welcoming you to Symondsbury Kitchen!



## Symondsbury Kitchen

**Valentines Evening Meal  
Friday 14th February - from 7pm**

### To Start

Cucumber cured and torched mackerel fillet, beetroot and horseradish  
Compression of ham hock, mustard fruits and apple textures  
Salad Caprese, smoked mozzarella, tomatoes, fresh basil, olive  
Anti pasti platter for 2 to share, crusty bread, olives, roasted peppers

### To Follow

(Seasonal Vegetables selection on each table)  
Pan Seared ribeye steak, red wine shallots, chive mash  
Roasted chicken breast, cream cheese and fresh herb filling, gremalota crust, creamed potato  
Fillet of sea bream, chickpea, saffron and vegetable stew  
Roasted Squash, sage and brie pithivier mixed salad with fresh herbs and flowers

### To Finish

Warm pear and almond tart, vanilla ice cream  
Vanilla panna cotta, pineapple and basil, shortbread  
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How would you like to genuinely surprise your loved one this Valentine's day? Try to think further than a fry up in bed, roses and chocolates, jewellery and lingerie. Let's look beyond these options and treat that someone special with something they truly deserve.

1. Go for a picnic
2. Take a photograph to capture memorable moments
3. Hug them...Just because
4. A beautiful bouquet of flowers
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<b>Stuffed Mushrooms</b> Fresh west country Mushrooms grilled and filled with Bacon Shallots and smoked cheese	<b>Lamb Cutlets</b> Slow Roasted Lamb Cutlets in a Balsamic Glaze, with seasonal vegetables and Dauphinoise potatoes	<b>Bucks Fizz Roulade</b> Homemade Roulade filled with mandarins, Orange Curd and Bucks Fizz Cream
<b>Whole Baked Camembert</b> Creamy Camembert, oven baked and served with Cranberry and mixed leaf salad with rustic bread	<b>Fillet Steak</b> 16 oz Fillet Steak (cut into two) stuffed with Blue Cheese and smothered with a port sauce, and served with chunky chips and seasonal vegetables or side salad	<b>Duo of Hearts</b> Freshly made Mint and Chocolate heart served with a fresh puff pastry filled with fresh cream and Strawberries
<b>Fresh Langoustine</b> Served with a Balsamic and French Mustard Vinaigrette and mixed leaf salad	<b>Vegetable Risotto</b> This tasty Italian rice dish is an ideal sharing dish. Infused with locally sourced seasonal vegetables, smothered in Parmesan Cheese, with a side of Garlic Bread	<b>Strawberry Panacotta</b> Great for sharing! Delicious Italian creamed dessert, using locally sourced fresh strawberries

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# Sign up to biking courses

LOCAL bikers are being invited to three presentations about techniques which could save their lives.

Dorset County Council has sponsored the sessions which have been organised by the Dorchester and West Dorset Advanced Motorcyclists (DWDAM).

They will take place towards the end of April and early May and will be led by former motorcycle cop Doug Miners.

"We are purely a voluntary group, none of our officers or observers is paid but all want to improve the safety and enjoyment of riders in Dorset. Interestingly enough those that complete the whole programme find they get a lot more out of their biking, as well as being safer," said Linda Ashmore from the group.

According to Department of Transport figures motorcycle riders are 50 times more likely to be killed or seriously injured than car drivers and 13 times more likely to be involved in a crash which results



PICTURED is one of the club members at a Bike Safe Track event at Castle Coombe last year

in injury.

In around two out of three collisions, human error is the cause although bikers are at fault in just over a third of all motorcycle crashes.

One in three drivers involved in a daylight collision with a motorcyclist claim not have seen the rider before the crash, at night, this rises to over half of all drivers.

Although more vulnerable on the roads, motorcycle riders have the advantage of height and

also the flexibility to position themselves on the road.

Understanding how to make the most of these advantages is a start to enable riders to increase their awareness and ability to react to all the risks inherent in particular road and traffic situations.

The presentations, by Doug Miners, now the Driver and Rider Training Manager for the Ambulance service, will be on Wednesdays at 7.30pm on April 23rd and 30th and May 7th at the George Albert Hotel, Evershot, north of Dorchester on the A37. They are free to all bikers.

Riders can follow up these presentations by signing up for the Institute of Advance Motorcyclists Skills for Life Programme with the Dorchester and West Dorset Advanced Motorcyclists (DWDAM).

For further e-mail newsletter@dwdam.org.uk.

# Tea and talk event for mental health

VOLUNTEER Centre Dorset are supporting the "Tea and Talk" campaign, being delivered by Dorset Mental Health forum, by hosting a presentation at the Gallery, Durngate Street, Dorchester between 11am and 12.30pm on February 27th.

The presentation provides an interactive and informative insight into the stigma and discrimination surrounding mental health issues.

And is aimed at challenging some of the public's misconceptions.

Deputy Manager Craig Womble said: "We hope to increase the awareness of this subject for the

benefit of all groups and to enable us to support individuals from a variety of backgrounds into volunteering and or paid work would like to dispel some of the myths surrounding mental health.

"Many organisations are extremely supportive, and some just need a greater insight into the subject.

"There are a large group of highly skilled individuals still finding it hard to access voluntary roles locally. Therefore we are looking for individuals from a range of organisations to attend the free presentation and find out more."

The hour long workshop will be delivered by service users and staff from the Dorset Mental Health Forum and be an opportunity to ask questions one to one, or as a group.

Free refreshments will be provided.

To book a place as numbers are limited please contact Volunteer Centre Dorset Craig Womble on 01305269214 or email c.womble@volunteeringdorset.org.uk.

Or log on to www.volunteeringdorset.org.uk to find out more about the project.

## Parents warned to keep children in school

AS February half-term approaches parents and carers are being warned of the consequences of taking children out of school for unauthorised holidays.

A change in the law now makes it more likely that offending parents will be fined a "fixed penalty" of £60, or if they fail to pay that, brought before the courts where fines can reach £1,000.

The changes in the law take away the general right of head teachers to grant leave outside the normal school holidays.

Dorset County Council Cabinet spokesperson for ed-

ucation, Councillor Toni Coombs, says that parents often argue that a few days will make little difference to a child's education.

A child who has ten days holiday each year of their school life will miss 24 weeks – that's nearly a whole school year" she said.

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## Malabar Trading

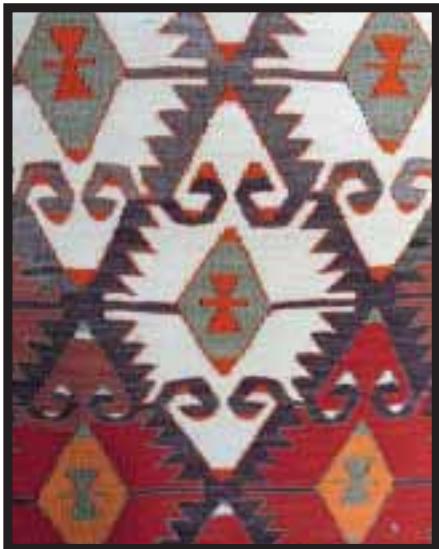
ALLEVIATE the gloom of February by a visit to Malabar Trading where the colours of the textiles cannot fail to cheer. There are new beautiful woollen blankets and throws in the shop and handwoven kilim cushion covers in a variety of colours and designs. Other new items are arriving this week, amongst them are some Turkish kilims and Afghan kilim runners.

During the month of February there will be many shipments arriving including nickel and glass lamps and Japanese ceramics and later in the month a variety of blockprinted textiles from India.

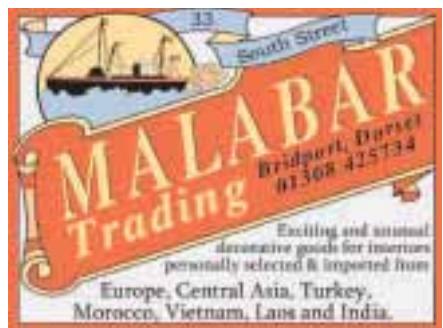
As ever there is a large selection of quilts, bedspreads, tablecloths and nightwear.

Most of the goods in the shop are partly chosen for the reason that they are either hand-printed, as in

the blockprints, hand-embroidered, as in the suzanis and chikan curtains, hand-woven as in the dhurries and kilims, or handmade, as in the terracotta baking dishes and the marquetry frames. All of these items are also chosen for their quality and usefulness.



▲ Detail of an Anatolian kilim



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For many, February 14 shines like a beacon of love in the depths of a cold, dark winter. It's the one day of the year when we don't need an excuse to wear our hearts on our sleeves.

And, thanks to the wonderful world of home interiors, we can show our loved ones just how much we care this Valentine's Day, with on-trend typography prints and cushions, heart-print mugs and floral bedding.

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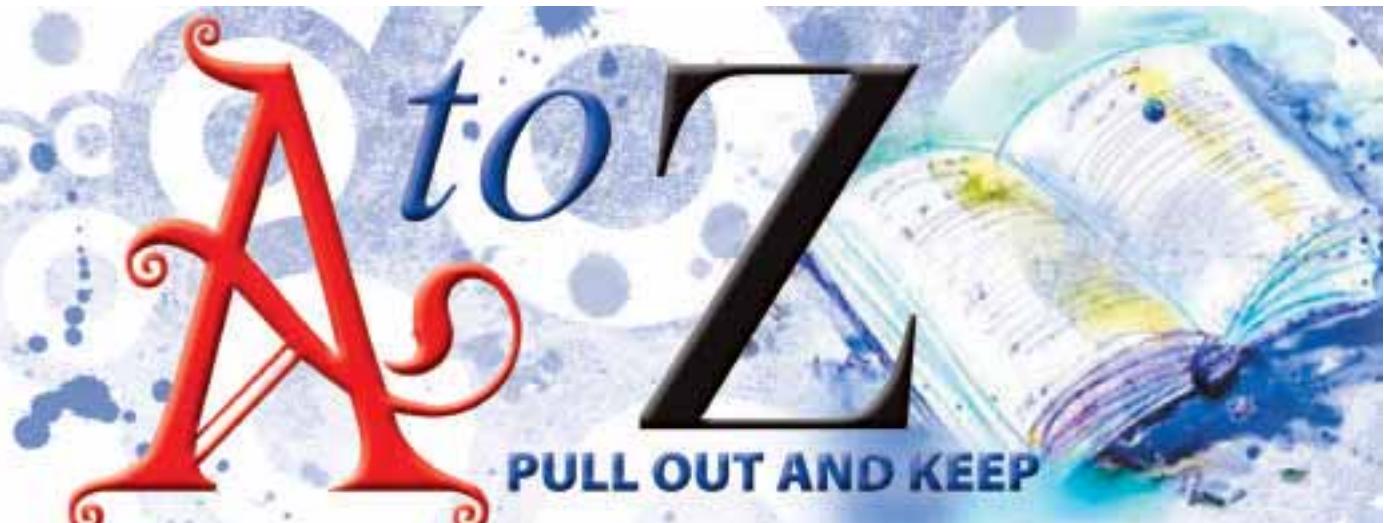
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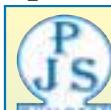
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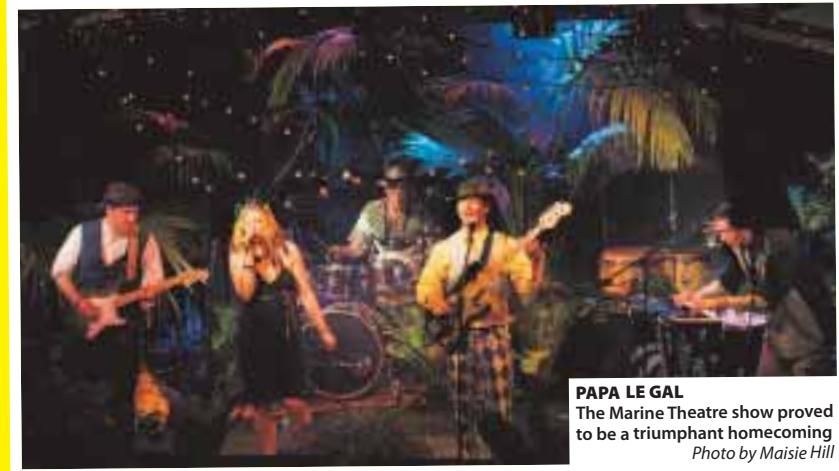
Following an extended hiatus in 2013 and a relocation to the buzzing musical hub of Bristol, this event served as both Papa Le Gal's first hometown show of the year, and a statement of intent for 2014. Before the main event, and easing the crowd into the evening, Ella Squirrell offered up a selection of sultry acoustic numbers, her diminutive stature belying an impressive vocal maturity.

Papa Le Gal have built up a reputation for their showmanship as well as their sunshine-filled songs, and this evening was no exception. For one night only, the Marine Theatre was transformed into a South American jungle, the perfect setting for their idiosyncratic blend of samba, white funk and Afro and Latin rhythms.

The event saw the band break away from a much-loved catalogue of covers, relying instead

on a full set of original material. New tracks 'Sunrise' and 'Unconditional Love' displayed a more measured approach to song writing, while old favourites 'Voodoo' and 'Sidewinder' irresistibly drew the crowd to the dance floor. Another new song, 'Madame Abeline', built to a storming Saxophone-led crescendo, aptly displaying the band's effortless multi-instrumentalism, before Papa finished the night with 'Bombay Satire' and a thunderous accompaniment courtesy of the B Sharp youth music group.

With the night's festivities caught on camera by a Chestnut Productions film crew, and a sold-out show just days into January, 2014 looks set to be a big year for Papa Le Gal, a band well deserving of BBC 6 Music's assertion that they are 'one of the hottest bands around'.



**PAPA LE GAL**  
The Marine Theatre show proved to be a triumphant homecoming  
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Working hand in hand with eminent surgeon Professor Roger Kneebone from Imperial College London, choreographer Subathra Subramaniam undertook extensive research with internationally renowned scientists to prepare the piece.

The result is a work that combines classical Indian and contemporary western dance and demonstrates how art and science complement each other.

Rosalind Conlon, Dance Producer from Activate Performing Arts, saw the piece when it was first created and says: 'The precision and care that surgeons

take to prepare and undertake surgery requires a precise and careful set of movements. We have all seen TV shows where Doctors scrub-up in preparation for the theatre. This piece is an excellent demonstration of how this process can be transformed into choreographed movement - the piece is really beautiful and moving. In the pre-show I also learnt how to stitch (simulated) skin - fascinating!'

Prior to the performance, there is an opportunity to gain a further insight into the complex world of surgery as Prof Kneebone invites members of the audience to join him and nurse Sharon Weldon to participate in a simulated 'operation' beginning at 6.45pm.

Following the performance there will be a Café Scientifique debate with Quentin Cooper (former presenter of BBC Radio 4's Material World).

Under My Skin is at 8pm on Wednesday, February 12th at Dorchester's Corn Exchange, with pre-show simulated operation starting at 6.45pm.

Tickets £10/ £8 or £5 NHS Staff are available from the Dorchester Arts Centre on 01305 266926 or Tourist Information Office 01305 267992 or online from [www.dorchesterarts.org.uk](http://www.dorchesterarts.org.uk)

## Nationally renowned actor Chris Harris brings comedy one man show to the Marine Theatre

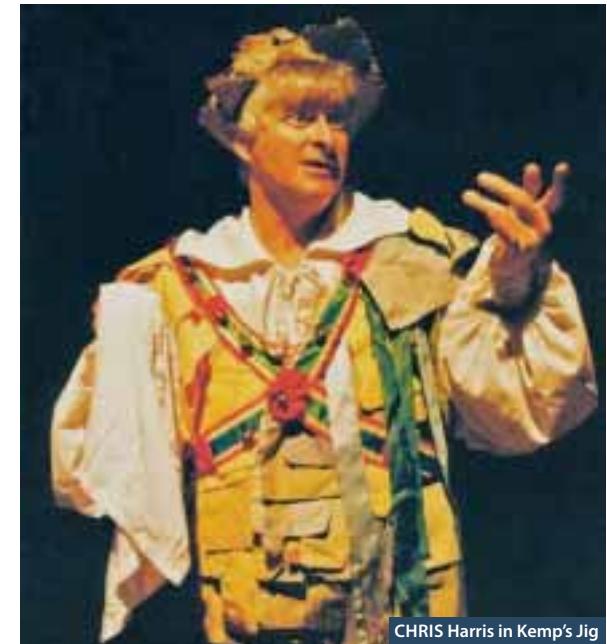
A GUARANTEED evening of "mad jests and merry jigs", the Marine Theatre presents actor, writer and renowned pantomime dame, Chris Harris in 'Kemp's Jig', a hilarious and internationally toured one man show, on Saturday February 8th.

Chris Harris has an impressively broad acting career, previously appearing with the RSC, Bristol Old Vic and his highly acclaimed nine year collaboration with the Theatre Royal (Bristol) and their successful pantomime productions in which he starred as the dame.

Chris's performance in 'Kemp's Jig' is said to be, 'a masterpiece of comic acting' (Allen Sadler, The Guardian) and promises a fun-

a distance of 125 miles, in nine days. He later recorded this journey in his book "Kemp's Nine Daies Wonder" on which the show is based and the tale is told.

Chris Harris performs 'Kemp's Jig' at the Marine Theatre this Saturday (February 8th) at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £11 and £9 for concessions, and are available by calling 01297 442138 or online at [www.marinetheatre.com](http://www.marinetheatre.com)



CHRIS Harris in Kemp's Jig

## Australian stand-up to headline Comedy Café

AWARD winning Australian comic Yianni Agisilaou will headline the first Comedy Café night of the year this Friday (February 7th).

A regular on the world comedy circuit Yianni was the talk of last year's Edinburgh Fringe with his 'Think Big' show which saw him close the festival at the city's biggest venue supported by Ed Byrne.

The comedy café nights are returning this year bigger and better than ever after teaming up with Mirth Control, the UK's leading booker of independent comedy clubs.

The partnership means the café will be able to attract even more big names to add to the growing list of acts who have gone on to become TV regulars.

Completing the line up at next Friday's gig will be the relentlessly middle class Glaswegian Neil McFarlane, new acts Archie Maddocks and Tim O'Connor as well as

regular host, and Bridport based comedian, Tom Glover.

As well as introducing the acts, as ever Tom will be sharing his latest material with the home crowd.

The BAC Comedy Café will be at 8pm on Friday, February 7th. Tickets are £7 adults/£5 concessions and available from the arts centre box office on 01305 424204.

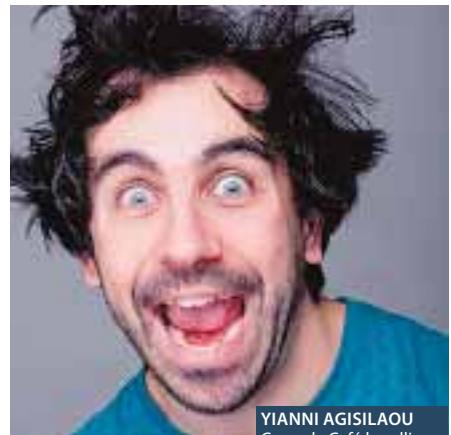
### Archaeology Evening

AN Archaeology evening will be held this Friday, February 7th at Dorset County Museum. This is primarily a members' event but everyone is welcome to attend, especially potential new members.

The event will commence with a book launch and will be followed by three short illustrated talks. David Carter will discuss the recent works at Sandsfoot Castle in Weymouth; Clare Randall will talk about the Cowleaze Cemeteries, and Jon Morden, Director of the Museum, will talk about the newly conserved Langton Herring Iron Age Mirror now displayed in the Museum's archaeology gallery.

The launch of a brand new book, Paleolithic Archaeology at Broom in the Axe Valley by Dr Rob Hosfield and Dr Chris Green of Reading University, will commence at 6.30pm and copies of the book will be available to buy. The co-editors will give a brief presentation on the book before signing copies for purchase.

All are welcome to attend this event at Dorset County Museum. The book launch will take place at 6.30pm to be followed by the three lectures at 7.30pm. Entry is free: a donation of £3.00 is encouraged to cover costs.



YIANNI AGISILAOU  
Comedy Café headliner

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## View 2 Diary Dates

### WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 5TH

**BEER:** Jurassic Jam, the NEW folk jam session, all acoustic instruments very welcome, free admission. The Dolphin Hotel, Beer, 8pm More info 01297 23291 or 01404 46451 or [www.eastdevonfolk.org](http://www.eastdevonfolk.org)

### THURSDAY FEBRUARY 6TH

**BRIDPORT:** Bridport Electronic Organ Club Concert with Richard Monks. At United Church Hall, East Street. Doors 7pm, concerts 7.30pm. Membership £4 per year. Concert admission: members £7, visitors £8. **CHIDEOCK:** Bingo at the village hall. Eyes down 7.30pm. **WEYMOUTH:** Broadwey Upwey and District Horticultural Society. A talk by Mark Read on "Vegetable Growing". St Nicholas Primary School, Dorchester Road, Broadwey. For more details call 01305 814887.

### FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7TH

**BEAMINSTER:** 'Blues & Jazz at the Pavilion' with Julie Dunn and Guests, with Blue Zoo. At Beaminster Pavilion. Doors open 7.30pm, music 8-10pm. Tickets £7.50 by calling 01308 861746.

### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8TH

**BRIDPORT:** The New Elizabethan Singers will perform Kar Jenkins' 'The Armed Man; a Mass for Peace' at St Mary's Church, South Street. Tickets (£12 but under 16's free) will be available from Bridport Music and Goadsby Ltd, both in South Street. For further information, please contact 07528 105977.

**LODERS, NR BRIDPORT:** Quiz Night at Loders Village Hall, 7pm. Teams of 6. Book your table by calling 01308 456958. Fund raising for Loders Young Players.

**BRIDPORT:** Charity Coffee Morning at Bridport United Church Hall, from 10am-12.30pm. South American crafts, bric-a-brac etc.

### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9TH

**BRIDPORT/WEYMOUTH/DORCHESTER:** Local Singles Walking Group. Do you like walking? Are you single? Aged between 45-65? Local walking group meet every Sunday and walk about 8 miles looking for new members. For more details please call 07901 862588 or e-mail [owls-walking@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:owls-walking@hotmail.co.uk).

**BRIDPORT:** Bridport Community Orchard to lay fruiting hedge in the orchard, from 10am. Tools and materials are provided, any volunteers welcomed.

**SYDLING ST NICHOLAS:** Concert: 'Serenade' with Mid-winter Cream Tea, 3pm at the village hall. Forget the miseries of winter - enjoy an afternoon of swing, jazz and modern classics, presented in perfect harmony by 'The Serenade Singers'. Tickets £7.50 each - to include cream tea. Available by calling 01300 341618 or 01300 341593. All proceeds to St Nicholas Church Funds.

**BRIDPORT:** Balkan and French Music and Dance Session (monthly, second Sundays) at The Ropemakers, 36 West St., DT6 3QP. Learn essential dance basics from noon. Session starts 12.30pm, entry free. Musicians and dancers of any ability welcome, no partners needed. Contact Mecki on 01308 423442 (mecki@yahoo.co.uk) or Kate on 01297 678 217.

### MONDAY FEBRUARY 10TH

**BRIDPORT:** Biodanza at Othona. 7.15 for 7.30pm. Monthly drop-in class (2nd and 4th Monday each month). Cost £7 (Concessions available - just ask) Free for Biodanza newbies! For more details call 01308 897 130 or visit [www.biodanza-bridport.co.uk](http://www.biodanza-bridport.co.uk)

**LYME REGIS:** Lyme Regis Art Society. Workshop 10am-1pm at Lyme Regis Football Club, Charmouth Road. Terry Whitworth will tutor a workshop on Still Life. Free on site parking. All are welcome. Please contact Sue Wells on 01297 44289 to register and for more information including suggested list of materials.

**BEAMINSTER:** Dorset MoViols proudly present 'About Time' (cert 12A). At Beaminster Public Hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets £5 (advance) or £5.50 (door). To book call 01308 862796.

**DORCHESTER:** WDHS Retirement Fellowship - The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship will meet at 2.30pm in the Lecture Theatre, Dorset County Hospital. Mike Crankshaw will give a talk on being a Member of the Crew on the Royal Yacht Britannia. All retired members of the Health Service are welcome to join.

**WEYMOUTH:** Radipole & Southill Horticultural Society invite you to their first meeting of the year. Neil Lovesey from Picket Lane Nursery will present an illustrated talk entitled '12 Months of Colour', when he will give tips and tricks to get the best out of your garden. All welcome at Southill Community Centre, Radipole Lane, for a 7.30pm start. There will be refreshments, a raffle and plants from Neil's nursery for sale. Further details from Julie or Peter on 01305 772533.

### TUESDAY FEBRUARY 11TH

**BRIDPORT:** Bridport History Society hosts a talk by David Cramon on Admiral Fitzroy: The Captain of the Beagle and his later achievements. BUC Hall at 2.30pm. Visitors welcome; admission £2.50.

### THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13TH

**CHIDEOCK:** Whist at the village hall, from 7.30pm. **DORCHESTER:** Plant Heritage Dorset Group. 'The Other Knoll Gardens'. An illustrated talk by Neil Lucas on the many rare and unusual trees and shrubs together with climbers and perennials which

# Ladies' Night with Adonis Cabaret

THE Adonis Cabaret Show was created in Vienna, Austria, whilst on tour in 1996 after the realisation that a lot of male strip shows took themselves far too seriously and forgot that the performers are on stage to please and entertain the audience, not themselves. Top performer entrepreneur Tristan formulated a unique night of mayhem with the help of some of the top drag acts and male strippers in cities around the world and the show soon evolved into regular UK Saturday nights on the south coast popular as hen night entertainment as well as for girls out for a fun night. Since then the Adonis show has gone from strength to strength, touring overseas as well as around the UK.

Following the success of the Adonis Cabaret clubs nationwide comes The Adonis Cabaret Ladies Night Show. We are the UK's Top Hen and

Stag Night company and run shows in Blackpool, London, Brighton, Newcastle, Leeds and Bournemouth, so you can be assured of the finest quality performers at ALL times with the best service! The Adonis Cabaret male strippers and Drag Queens have been taking the UK by storm, bringing together some of the best entertainers in the business for a fantastic night of music, comedy and erotica with the emphasis on cabaret and fun. Adonis Cabaret is a fantastic concept in girls' night entertainment!

An international drag comedian hosts the night and will have you in hysterics before the funniest, hunkiest, most televised male strippers in the business titillate you with some amazing routines!

The Show is 'Full Monty' so be prepared!

The Adonis Cabaret Show comes to Bridport's Electric Palace on Friday, February 21st. Doors open 7pm, with the show starting at 8pm. Advance tickets are £14 plus booking fee from Bridport TIC: 01308 424901 and online at [seetickets.com](http://seetickets.com), or £16 on the door.

**NB This show is for over 18s only.**



## Geology Lecture at Dorset County Museum

A TALK at Dorset County Museum by Dr Gareth Dyke of Southampton University aims to answer an ongoing

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question amongst geologists: What is a Bird?

The evolution of wings in dinosaurs, and the eventual emergence of birds, was undoubtedly a momentous step in the progression of vertebrate life on our planet. Using fossil evidence, Dr Dyke will unfold the history of birds and their dinosaur predecessors through a study of their anatomical diversity as well as lifestyles and habitats. He will discuss recent fossil discoveries which show key stages in the refinement of parachuting, gliding and – maybe – flapping flight.

Dr Dyke will also explain how birds managed to survive the massive extinctions at the end of the Cretaceous period which killed every remaining non-avian dinosaur.

The talk takes place at Dorset County Museum at 6.30pm on Wednesday, February 12th.

All are welcome to this talk – entry is free and a donation of £3 is encouraged to cover costs. Doors open at 6.30pm, the talk will commence at 7pm.



### Health and Wellbeing



#### MONDAY

3.45-4.30pm 11-16YR OLDS TRAMPOLINING COURSE  
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4.45-6.00pm SILKS AERIAL COURSE 11-16YR OLDS

5.15-6.15pm PILATES

6.00-7.15pm SILKS AERIAL COURSE ADULTS (16+)  
6.30-7.30pm CIRCUITS

7.45-8.30pm GROUP STUDIO CYCLING

#### TUESDAY

6.30-7.30pm ZUMBA

#### WEDNESDAY

4.00-6.00pm GYMNASTICS

6.00-6.45pm GROUP STUDIO CYCLING

6.00-7.00pm BFIT RUNNING CLUB

7.00-8.00pm BACK 2 NETBALL CLUB

8.00-9.30pm VOLLEYBALL

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share Knoll Gardens with its famous collection of grasses. 7.30pm in the Conference Room, Kingston Maurward College near Dorchester. Visitors welcome (£2.50; students £1.00 at door). Details from Rob on 01292 481535 and the NCCPG website.

### FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14TH

**LYME REGIS:** Lyme Bay Photographic Club, Competition 'Stormy Weather'; / Optional Competition, Judge John Tilsley. At Woodmead Halls, Hill Road from 7.30-10pm. For more details call 01297 444733 or go to the website [www.lymebayphotographicclub.org](http://www.lymebayphotographicclub.org)

**UPLYME:** Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society fundraiser. Cuckoo Night and Ferret Racing at the village hall, doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start. Kingston Maurward College's ferrets will run five races; betting is £1 a go, with cash prizes of £25, £10 and £5 for each race. Entry for the evening is £8.50 including a Spice'n'Rice curry (either meat or vegetarian). Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be on sale or bring your own alcohol. It is essential to book your tickets in advance: please ring 01297 444034 or 01297 442378, also available from Uplyme Post Office.

### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15TH

**BOTHENHAMPTON:** Film: 'About Time'. At the village hall, doors open 7pm. Film from 7.30pm. Tickets available on the door cost £4 for members of film club £5 for everybody else. For more details call 01308 423071.

### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16TH

**BRIDPORT/WEYMOUTH/DORCHESTER:** Local Singles Walking Group. Do you like walking? Are you single? Aged between 45-65? Local walking group meet every Sunday and walk about 8 miles looking for new members. For more details please call 07901 862588 or e-mail [owls-walking@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:owls-walking@hotmail.co.uk)

### WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 19TH

**BEER:** Jurassic Folk & Acoustic monthly Come All Ye, The Dolphin Hotel, Beer, 7.30pm. Free admission and everybody welcome. More info 01297 20064 or [www.eastdevonfolk.org](http://www.eastdevonfolk.org)

**LYME REGIS:** Children's Sewing and Crochet Workshops at Woodmead Halls 10am-1pm. We will be having fun with fabrics & felt, and learning to crochet. Finger puppets, hearts, birds, pirates, mobile phone covers etc etc. Age 6-16. £15 per session (parents may choose to stay and join in free of charge). DBS checked, Fully Insured and First Aider present. Contact Keren Sansom on 01297 35906 / 07815 441115

**LYME REGIS:** Action medical research for children are holding an Antiques Valuation Day by Duke's Auctioneers, 10.30 am to 1pm, at Alexandra Hotel. Valuations available in silver, jewellery, paintings, collectables, clocks and watches and a general valued. Valuations £2 per item .stalls and refreshments available.

### THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20TH

**DORCHESTER:** South Dorset R.S.P.B. Group. Philip Murgridge will talk about the many different species of birds in Bulgaria. Some more unusual ones than we see in Europe, Philip is a well known Wildlife Photographer. At St. George's Church Hall Fordington, Dorchester. The meetings are held at 7.45pm. Admission Group Members £3.00, Visitors £3.50 to include Coffee and Biscuit.

**CHIDEOCK:** Bingo at the village hall. Eyes down 7.30pm.

### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22ND

**BRIDPORT:** Gwyneth's Coffee Morning in aid of Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance and Cancer Research UK. 10am-12noon at Bridport United Church Hall. Stalls includes cakes, bric-a-brac, tombola, raffle, new 2 you, books etc.

**COLYFORD:** 'When Peggy Met Ella' with Sarah Moule and Shireen Francis at the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Bar and refreshments are available. Tickets are £8 adult and £6 child and are available from Colyford Post office or on 01297 553710

### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23RD

**BRIDPORT/WEYMOUTH/DORCHESTER:** Local Singles Walking Group. Do you like walking? Are you single? Aged between 45-65? Local walking group meet every Sunday and walk about 8 miles looking for new members. For more details please call 07901 862588 or e-mail [owls-walking@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:owls-walking@hotmail.co.uk)

**WEYMOUTH:** Arts & Crafts event at The Riviera Hotel, Bowleaze Covey. Free entry for visitors, free nearby parking, toilets and baby changing facilities. Children welcome. Food and drink available. Doors open 10am. For more details call 07701 018180.

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# Triple Bill for Opening Night of From Page to Screen

A TRIPLE bill of speakers will open this year's From Page To Screen, the UK's only film festival dedicated to the adaptation of books into films, to be held in Bridport, West Dorset, on April 2nd-6th.

The opening night will feature a special screening for members only of the movie *Frank*, which received rave reviews at last month's Sundance Film Festival, and was directed by Lenny Abrahamson and co-written by Jon Ronson, From Page to Screen's Guest Curator. *Frank* is an offbeat comedy, starring Michael Fassbender, Maggie Gyllenhaal and Domhnall Gleeson, about a wannabe musician who finds himself out of his depth when he joins a maverick rock band led by the enigmatic Frank - a musical genius who hides himself inside a large fake head. Written by Ronson, a journalist, documentary filmmaker and author of nonfiction books including *The Men Who Stare at Goats*, and Peter Straughan, a writer and director best known for *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*, *Frank* is a fictional story based on the memoir by Ronson, who played the keyboards in Frank Sidebottom's band.

**CURATOR** | Jon Ronson will curate From Page To Screen



Ronson will be on stage after the screening, 'in conversation' with Straughan and Abrahamson. Earlier in the day you can see Ronson's new one-man show *Frank: My Story* and get the true story behind the movie.

Polly Gifford, Director of Bridport Arts Centre, said: "We are thrilled to have such an amazing triple bill of speakers for our opening night and we will be rolling out the red carpet in Bridport."

*Frank* isn't scheduled for release in the UK until May but festival audiences can see it first at this special event. The screening is only open to festival members but tickets include day membership.

Last month it was confirmed that author Nick Hornby will be attending this year's From Page to Screen festival, ahead of a screening of *A Long Way Down*, his fourth novel to be made into a film. Ronson and Straughan will also be 'in conversation' before a showing of *The Men Who Stare at Goats*, the 2009 British comedy war film starring George Clooney. The

screenplay was written by Straughan and based on Ronson's book.

A full programme of Ronson's film choices will be announced later this month. Bridport Arts Centre in collaboration with the Electric Palace cinema will show a wide range of films over five days at the two venues. Most screenings will feature a talk by authors or filmmakers, giving audiences the chance to go beneath the surface of their favourite films and discover more about the film-making process.

Ronson's other books include international bestsellers *The Psychopath Test* and *Them: Adventures with Extremists*. His latest book is a collection of real-life adventure stories - *Lost at Sea: The Jon Ronson Mysteries*. Jon writes for the Guardian, he has his own Radio 4 series *Jon Ronson On...* and his many Channel 4 documentaries include *Secret Rulers of the World* and *Stanley Kubrick's Boxes*.

From Page To Screen was founded in 2009 by Bridport Arts Centre, inspired by the Bridport Prize - one of the UK's longest running and respected literary prizes.

More details can be found at [www.frompage2screen.org.uk](http://www.frompage2screen.org.uk).

You can also become a 'Friend of the Festival' again this year. By showing your support financially you can help sustain the festival as a keynote arts event in the

Bridport calendar. Some extra benefits include advance notification of events and early bird booking, complimentary invite to a special 'Friends' event and free tickets for the festival raffle.



**IN CONVERSATION** | Nick Hornby, author of *Fever Pitch* and *High Fidelity*, will be 'conversation' with curator Jon Ronson

## A chance to play with UK's top fiddle player Dave Swarbrick

A RARE chance is available to get up close and personal with hugely influential folk icon Dave Swarbrick and in addition, enjoy an all girl trio Said the Maiden who are making waves with their selection of trad arrangements and close harmonies, accompanied with fiddle, guitar and at times, wonderfully acapella.

To some, the name Dave Swarbrick is synonymous with innovation and he is indeed credited with heralding the 'Second Folk Revival' while in seminal Folk/Rock band Fairport Convention, who had their heyday in the 70s. To others he is the fiddler's yard stick to which they aspire. Here is your chance to hear not only the mesmerizing fiddle of 'Swarb', but also anecdotes and insights from his extraordinary life and ask any questions which are on the tip of your tongue.

Not only Swarb, but his support act are a delightful English Folk Trio 'Said the Maiden' who have been played by Mike Harding on his Folk show, and who are charming audiences across the country with their tight harmonies, playful style and blended unison singing. A perfect balance for this evening of entertainment.

### Opportunity for local musicians to perform on the night

IN KEEPING with his role as Patron of the Folkstock Arts Foundation, who are rapidly establishing themselves as champions of emerging acoustic and folk talent together with Electric Palace's new musicians collective 'Transformer', Swarb is inviting a local solo act or duo to perform three songs at the start of the evening. The act can be of any age or any experience and Dave Swarbrick will personally choose which act is selected. Please note that there is not a fee for the performance and the act should live within 50



**DAVE SWARBRICK** | Don't miss the chance to open for 'Swarb' in Bridport

miles of the Electric Palace.

If you would like to be in with a chance of this unprecedented opportunity to impress a new audience with your acoustic/ folk talents, please send a private message to the Electric Palace's Facebook page or make a public post on the Dave Swarbrick Facebook event page on the Facebook page of the Electric Palace, with links to your music on YouTube, Soundcloud or some other sound or video file.

The Electric Palace has already received some fantastic entries so if you want to check out the competition or just see some of the fantastic local folk talent we have in Bridport go to the Facebook page.

The Palace is encouraging music students to come along to this special gig as well as to the Charlie Jones from Goldfrapp event, which will be at the Electric Palace on February 10th, by offering student discounts.

More information about the event can be found at [www.electricpalace.org.uk](http://www.electricpalace.org.uk)

Tickets for this special gig, taking place on May 2nd, can be purchased online at [seetickets.com](http://seetickets.com)

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## Valentines Night Special: 'Realms' in Bridport

A romantic musical soiree awaits at the Bridport Arts Centre Jazz Café

REALMS is an intriguing collaboration of singer Rosalie Genay and pianist Rebecca Nash, two musicians who share a fascination and fondness for the songs of contemporary lyrical legends Tom Waits and Leonard Cohen. Together they have embarked on an ambitious journey to arrange some of their idols' tracks for this new project, consciously including less well known songs in amongst the more popular ones and setting them into imaginative new arrangements.

The song covers might lend themselves well to a more jazz-inspired backing but Genay is careful not to lose anything in the transition. By offering a different perspective on Waits and Cohen's music, and by including their own original tunes in their repertoire as well, Genay and Nash provide ample opportunities for enjoyment. This tour takes them outside their London base and around the UK to promote the release of their debut album in February 2014, supported by Jazz Services and Arts Council England. The album was partially funded through a very successful crowd-funding project via PledgeMusic, reaching its funding target within 20 days.

Rosalie Genay is a Dutch born, London based vocalist and songwriter and has been working profes-

sionally in London since moving there in 2004 after graduating from the Australian Institute of Music. She has worked with many leading musicians and vocalists on the scene and has appeared in various venues in Australia, Europe and the UK; the Bb Jazz Club - Berlin, Chet's Jazz Bar - Amsterdam, The Spice of Life, The Archduke, Pizza Express, Arcola and Soho Theatre, Oliver's Jazz Bar - London amongst others.

Rebecca Nash graduated from the Trinity College of Music Masters Course in 2012. She plays in a number of projects; her own trio, the folk-jazz fusion ensemble Wizahikken, Entropi, Paradox Ensemble,

the Potter Ensemble, and Benin City. She has played at festivals including Glastonbury, Meltdown Festival, Isle of Wight Jazz Festival, Llangollen Jazz Festival, as well as many jazz clubs nationwide such as the Vortex, the Southbank Centre, and the Spice of Life. Rebecca has shared the stage with artists such as Tina May, Ed Jones, Anita Wardell, Steve Waterman, Christine Tobin, Phil Robson, Mark Lockheart, Henry Lowther and Alex Garnett amongst others.

Realms will perform at Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, February 14th at 8pm. Tickets cost £10, and are available by calling 01308 424204 or online at [www.bridport-arts.com](http://www.bridport-arts.com)



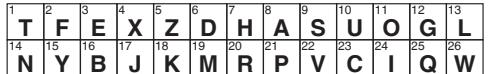
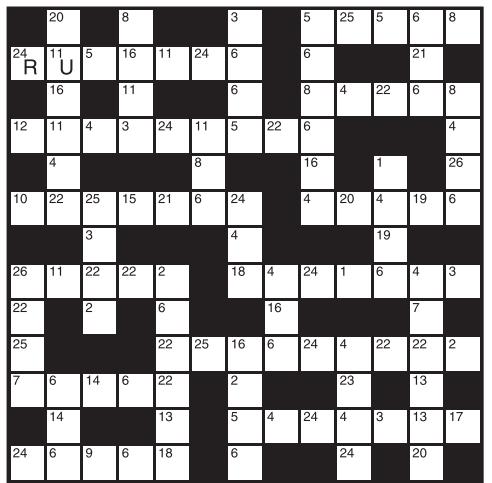
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No.259

## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

## Cryptic Clues:

## Across

1. Amend list and take down when corrected (9)
2. Some very expensive kind of whisky (3)
3. Nearly everything I have is charged with electricity (5)
4. Mocks at relative in back-street (6)
5. Come from a wild manatee (7)
6. You'll find more point in giving fore-warning (11)
7. One who gives in easily won't manage to do this (9)
8. Did the Greeks regard it as a capital investment? (5,2,4)
9. Establish the limits of French judicial punishment (6)
10. Mishandles ear-pieces (5)
11. Unfriendly crowd before the prophet returns (7)
12. Fresh confirmation about secure policy (11)
13. Begone! I must be seen inside (3)
14. A startling revelation for one who wakes up (3-6)

## Down

1. Passion shown in their exasperation (3)
2. Nearly everything I have is charged with electricity (5)
3. Mocks at relative in back-street (6)
4. Come from a wild manatee (7)
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## This week's new cinema releases

DALLAS BUYERS CLUB <sup>15</sup>

IN 1985 Dallas, electrician and hustler Ron Woodroof works around the system to help AIDS patients get the medication they need after he is himself diagnosed with the disease.

Stars Matthew McConaughey, Jennifer Garner and Jared Leto.

ROBOCOP <sup>12A</sup>

IN 2028 Detroit, when Alex Murphy (Joel Kinnaman) - a loving husband, father and good cop - is critically injured in the line of duty, the multinational conglomerate OmniCorp sees their chance for a part-man, part-robot police officer.

Stars Joel Kinnaman, Douglas Urbanski and Abbie Cornish

MR PEABODY & SHERMAN <sup>PG</sup>

Using his most ingenious invention, the WABAC machine, Mr. Peabody and his adopted boy Sherman hurtle back in time to experience world-changing events first-hand and interact with some of the greatest characters of all time. They find themselves in a race to repair history and save the future.

Voices from Ty Burrell, Max Charles and Stephen Colbert.

## Cinema Listings

Friday, Feb 7<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, Feb 13<sup>th</sup>

ALL LISTINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## LYME REGIS REGENT

Tel: 0871 230 3200

[www.scottcinemas.co.uk](http://www.scottcinemas.co.uk)12 Years A Slave <sup>15</sup>

Fri-Tue, Thu: 19:45, Wed: 14:25

The Lego Movie <sup>U</sup>

Sat &amp; Sun: 14:50, 17:20

Don Giovanni <sup>12A</sup>

Wed: 18:30

Romeo & Juliet <sup>PG</sup>

Thu: 10:30am

## BRIDPORT ARTS CENTRE

Tel: 01308 424204

[www.bridport-arts.com](http://www.bridport-arts.com)Philomena <sup>12A</sup>

Sun: 19:30

Romeo & Juliet <sup>12A</sup>

Thu: 13:00, 19:30

## DORCHESTER ODEON

Tel: 0871 22 44 007

[www.odeon.co.uk](http://www.odeon.co.uk)

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## DORCHESTER PLAZA

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[www.plazadorchester.com](http://www.plazadorchester.com)

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## WEYMOUTH CINEWORLD

Tel: 0871 200 2000

[www.cineworld.co.uk](http://www.cineworld.co.uk)The Wolf Of Wall Street <sup>18</sup>

Daily: 20:25, plus Fri, Mon-Thu: 16:45

12 Years A Slave <sup>15</sup>

Daily: 17:30, 19:45, plus Fri, Mon-Thu: 14:35

That Awkward Moment <sup>15</sup>

Fri: 16:45, 18:45, 21:20

## Sat: 13:30, 16:30, 18:45, 21:20

## Sun: 12:50, 16:10, 18:25, 21:05

## Mon-Wed: 16:10, 18:25, 20:55

## Thu: 18:40

I Frankenstein <sup>12A</sup>

Fri, Mon-Thu: 12:00, 14:35, 20:25

## Sat &amp; Sun: 20:45

American Hustle <sup>15</sup>

Fri, Mon-Thu: 20:45

Inside Llewyn Davis <sup>15</sup>

Fri: 13:20, Mon-Wed: 12:35

The Smurfs 2 <sup>U</sup> Sat & Sun: 10:30amCloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs 2 <sup>5</sup> Sat & Sun: 10:45amMr Peabody and Sherman <sup>U</sup>

Fri, Mon-Thu: 12:20, 14:10, 16:20, 17:30, 18:30

## Sat &amp; Sun: 11:45, 13:00, 14:00, 15:15, 16:15, 18:30

Lone Survivor <sup>15</sup>

Fri: 15:45, 18:25, 21:05

## Sun-Thu: 15:05, 17:45, 20:25

The Lego Movie <sup>U</sup>

Sat &amp; Sun: 10:00, 11:15, 12:20, 13:00, 13:45, 14:45, 15:30, 16:15

Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit <sup>12A</sup>

Fri: 14:20, 19:00, 21:25

## Sat: 21:05, Sun: 20:55, 21:25

## 20:55, Wed: 13:45, Thu: 12:40, 15:00, 20:55

RoboCop <sup>12A</sup>

Fri, Mon: 13:15, 16:00, 18:40, 21:00

## Sat: 11:15, 13:15, 16:0, 18:40, 21:00

## Sun: 11:00, 12:50, 15:35, 18:15, 20:40

## Tue-Thu: 12:50, 15:35, 18:15, 20:40

Frozen <sup>PG</sup>

Fri: 16:15, Sat: 11:00, 14:00

## Sun: 10:30am, Mon-Fri: 16:10

August: Osage County <sup>15</sup>

Fri, Mon-Wed: 14:50

The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug <sup>12A</sup>

Fri: 13:00, Mon-Thu: 12:50

The Railway Man <sup>15</sup>

Fri, Mon-Thu: 12:00

Moshi Monsters <sup>U</sup>

Sat &amp; Sun: 10:00am

Gravity <sup>12A</sup>

Fri: 12:20, Mon-Wed: 12:00

Dallas Buyers Club <sup>15</sup>

Fri, Sun-Thu: 12:00, 14:40, 17:20,

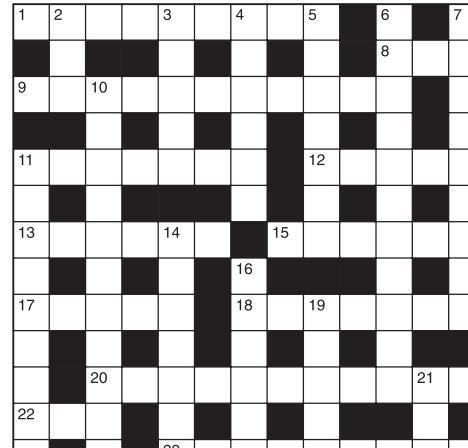
## 20:00, Sat: 12:20, 15:00, 17:35, 20:15

Monsters University <sup>U</sup>

Sat: 10:00, 11:00, Sun: 10:30am

Out Of The Furnace <sup>15</sup>

Fri, Mon-Thu: 12:15



## Sudoku



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >  
6 4 9 8 2 3 7 1 5  
7 1 2 4 6 5 9 8 3  
5 8 3 7 9 1 4 6 2  
1 7 5 2 3 8 6 9 4  
9 2 4 5 7 6 1 3 8  
8 3 6 1 4 5 7 6 5  
2 9 8 3 1 4 5 7 6  
4 5 1 6 8 7 3 2 9  
3 6 7 9 5 2 8 4 1

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:  
CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Arable; 8 Dotage; 10 Strange; 11 Solid; 12 Gait; 13 Avoid; 17 Cross; 18 Scar; 22 Edict; 23 Fortune; 24 Slaves; 25 Sparta; Down: 1 Passage; 2 Hair-pin; 3 Plane; 4 Corsair; 5 Sally; 6 Wends; 9 Leaves off; 14 Brother; 15 Acquire; 16 Arsenal; 19 Beast; 20 Vicar; 21 Crops. QUICK - Across: 7 Travel; 8 Barber; 10 Mariner; 11 Naive; 12 Note; 13 Inter; 17 Tepid; 18 Whet; 22 Title; 23 Attempt; 24 Grieve; 25 Recent. Down: 1 Stamina; 2 Narrate; 3 Meant; 4 Painter; 5 Attic; 6 Order; 9 Principal; 14 Deceive; 15 Whimper; 16 Statute; 19 Stage; 20 Strip; 21 Strew.

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## Modern Chalet style property

Detached Chalet style 4/5 bedroom property in a prime position. Arranged over two floors with double-glazed windows and doors throughout.

Provides entrance hallway; sitting room with woodburning stove and an arch to the dining room; fitted kitchen with an extensive array of units and an oven and hob; study leading to a ground-floor fifth bedroom. To the first-floor there is a master bedroom with an en-suite shower room off; three further bedrooms (two inter-connecting) and a family bathroom.

Externally there are established gardens to

four sides and parking for numerous vehicles on the tarmac driveway.

The property is highly adaptable and could easily provide ground floor living for a dependent relative.

Providing quick access to the A35 and links to the South-west; Exeter; Dorchester; Yeovil and beyond.

This property is on the market for £325,000. Viewing by appointment with Palmer Snell

Lyme Regis 01297 443556.

Palmer Snell



## Detached three bedroom cottage near Musbury for £790 pcm



Rent me

CHAMPIONHOLMES is pleased to offer a detached three bedroom Cottage set within a rural location near Musbury and close to local towns and the coast.

The front door leads into the Kitchen, which has fitted wall and base units incorporating a built-in electric hob with extractor fan over, and oven. Space provided for washing machine and fridge freezer. A store cupboard houses the oil-fired central heating boiler. The Hall has stairs giving access to the first floor rooms.

Reception One has a boarded floor and features an open working fireplace with tiled surround and hearth. Patio doors give access to the rear garden and patio. Reception Two has a similar boarded floor and features a Victorian cast-iron and tiled fireplace with tiled hearth and cast-iron fender. The window to the rear aspect overlooks the garden.

The ground floor Shower Room with half tiled walls incorporates a shower cubicle, Wash hand basin and WC. Stairs from the ground floor lead up to the Landing, with doors to the first floor rooms.

The single size Bedroom One, to the front of the property has a boarded floor. Bedrooms Two and Three are both of double size and located to the rear, with views over the Axe Valley. Both feature ornamental Victorian cast-iron fireplaces with slate hearths. The airing cupboard is situated in bedroom One. The family Bathroom with half tiled walls and vinyl flooring has a suite comprising Bath, Pedestal Wash Hand Basin and WC.

Outside to the front of the property there is parking for sev-



eral vehicles, an open store shed and gate to the side giving access to the rear garden. The enclosed garden to the rear of the property is laid to lawn with a patio. Parking to side of property.

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## Property to let

### Beautiful flat for rent

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### LYME REGIS

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### URGENT

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Large barn or house with land in rural area with Wedding venue potential for a long term lease. Contact Mr Moore on 07446 804465

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### FAIRFIELD CLOSE



**NO CHAIN**  
 Situated at the end of a favoured cul-de-sac which provides rear pedestrian access leading to South Street, this deceptively spacious detached chalet house benefits from gas central heating, double glazing, ample parking/ hardstanding space, and comprises Entrance Hall, Shower Room/Cloakroom, Lounge with fireplace, Dining Room, Study/Bedroom 4, Large Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Sun Room, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Private gardens, Garage. EPC Rating: D. £249,950.

### THE ROWANS



**RECOMMENDED**  
 This attractive brick built detached house is situated in a favoured residential area and benefits from gas fired central heating, double glazing, detached double garage and ample hardstanding. Worthy of particular mention are the enclosed level gardens which enjoy a south westerly aspect affording far reaching countryside views. The accommodation comprises canopy porch, entrance hall, cloakroom, spacious study/4th bedroom, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, master bedroom with en suite shower room, 2 further bedrooms and family bathroom. EPC Rating: C. £310,000

### MILLBROOK DALE



Situated on the favoured side of this sought after cul-de-sac, this exceptionally well presented 3 bedroom detached bungalow benefits from a double garage, very private rear gardens and the well planned accommodation benefits from gas central heating. Comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, split level lounge/dining room, fitted kitchen/breakfast room, 3 bedrooms and a new shower room. EPC Rating: C. £346,000

### CHERRY TREE ROAD



This 4 bedroom detached house is situated on this popular new development within walking distance of Axminster town centre. This property benefits from front & rear landscaped garden, 2 allocated parking spaces & 2 garages. Accommodation comprises: entrance hallway, spacious lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, downstairs cloakroom, master bedroom with en - suite, double bedroom with en-suite, 2 further bedrooms, bathroom, front & rear gardens, 2 garages & 2 parking spaces. EPC Rating: TBC. £289,950

### WOODBURY PARK



This spacious 3 bedroom semi-detached family home is situated in this popular residential area, benefiting from gas central heating, double glazing and modernisation, Accommodation comprises Entrance Hall, Lounge/dining room, Kitchen, 3 bedrooms bathroom and garage situated in a nearby block. Viewing recommended. £179,950

### DUKES WAY



This end terraced 3 storey house offers a large master En - Suite Bedroom with extensively fitted bedroom units and wardrobes, two further double Bedrooms, landscaped rear Gardens and there is a Garage available by separate negotiation. The accommodation comprises downstairs Cloakroom, Kitchen, Lounge with patio doors to the rear Gardens, 2 double Bedrooms, and Bathroom on the first floor, Master En-Suite on the second floor with Dressing Area. EPC Rating: B. £197,500

### SEATON



This first floor flat enjoys a quiet location in the popular coastal town of Seaton. It benefits from good sized bedrooms, gas central heating and glorious countryside views to the front elevation over axe cliff. EPC Rating: D. £129,950

### THE CRICKETERS



**IDEAL FIRST BUY**  
 This well presented & attractive all brick built end-link house is situated in a tucked away position on this popular development and benefits from a conservatory extension, delightful level rear garden and 2 allocated parking spaces. Comprises Storm Porch, Entrance Hall, Modern Kitchen, Living Room, Conservatory, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom. Ideal first time buy or for investment. EPC Rating: D. £125,000

### CHERRY TREE ROAD



**IDEAL FIRST BUY**  
 This freehold coach house comes complete with its own integral garage and are of garden. Ideal as a first time buy for the investment purposes. Comprises hallway, open plan living/dining room, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, allocated parking and gas central heating. EPC Rating: C. £124,950

### NORTH STREET



**NEW PRICE**  
 This 2/3 bedroom semi-detached bungalow is situated in a quiet location just minutes from Axminster town centre and benefits from private parking, a lawned front garden & a rear garden which enjoys countryside views. Accommodation comprises: Entrance porch, Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, family Bathroom, front & rear Gardens, driveway provides private Parking, countryside views. EPC Rating: D. £159,000.

### WATCHCOMBE HOUSE



A substantial 5 bedroom detached house enjoying a rural hill top location with superb and far reaching countryside views. The property is set in approximately 3.5 acres including a 2.5 acre paddock, it benefits from landscaped gardens, numerous outbuildings, stables, paddock and an outdoor swimming pool. £625,000.

### DUKES WAY



**TO LET**  
**NEW PRICE**  
 A brand new 3 bedroom house with allocated parking space and garden. Accommodation comprises: entrance hall, dual aspect living room, kitchen with dining area, downstairs cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, parking, garden. EPC Rating: C. Asking rent: £750 pcm.



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**Colyton** £600 pcm

A spacious two bedroom apartment in the centre of Colyton. Benefiting with master bedroom with en-suite, kitchen with integrated appliances, luxury bathroom and many character features. Regret no pets or children. Available immediately.

Web Ref: AXM140028



**Axminster** £670 pcm

A well presented semi detached three bedroom property benefiting from enclosed rear garden, and off road parking for 2 vehicles. Pets and children considered. EPC rated C. Available early March.

Web Ref: ACC120095



**Sidmouth** £675 pcm

A relatively new two bedroom coach house in immaculate condition which benefits from a small courtyard garden and a garage. Regret no pets. Available end of February

Web Ref: ACC120299



**Shute** £1,000 pcm

A substantial four bedroom country house enjoying an elevated position with views across the Axe Valley offering an Aga, garage and gardens to all sides plus the added bonus of an adjoining 1.38 acre paddock. Pets and children considered. EPC rated E. Available early March.

Web Ref: ACC110303

Axminster: 01297 32879



**Beaminster** £560 pcm

A well presented two bedroom mid terrace house with enclosed rear garden and allocated parking, situated within walking distance to Beaminster. EPC Band D. Available February.

Web Ref: ACC090229



**Bridport** £650 pcm

A well presented Grade II Listed cottage offering character filled accommodation, 2 double bedrooms, front and rear gardens, situated on the outskirts of town. EPC Band D. Pets and children considered. Available end of February.

Web Ref: BRI130325



**Pilsdon** £900 pcm

A character-rich detached four bedroom traditional farmhouse with many original features, in a rural setting backing on to open fields. No pets. Not suitable for young children. EPC Band G. Available immediately.

Web Ref: ACC120013

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**Misterton** £1,495 pcm

A substantial five bedroom manor house, set in a tucked away position in the village. Character-rich living accommodation, well stocked garden, orchard and off road parking. Gas central heating. EPC Band F. Available immediately.

Web Ref: BRI060132

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**Muckleford** £695 pcm

A charming two bedroom semi-detached cottage in a quiet rural location within easy reach of Dorchester. Oil fired central heating. Garden, garage and parking. Available Immediately.

Web Ref: DOR120344



**Minterne Magna** £700 pcm

In the popular village of Minterne Magna is this two bedroom semi-detached period cottage, with recent redecorations. Enclosed rear garden and covered parking. Oil fired central heating. EPC Band E. Available immediately.

Web Ref: DOR120414



**Weymouth** £775 pcm

A detached two bedroom bungalow with two reception rooms. An enclosed garden and off road parking. With modern conveniences such as gas fired central heating and double glazing throughout. EPC Band D. Available March.

Web Ref: DOR130182

Dorchester: 01305 261088



**Waddon** £895 pcm

A detached three bedroom bungalow with outstanding countryside and sea views. Garden and Parking. Oil central heating. Double glazed. EPC band D. Available immediately.

Web Ref: DOR130150

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**LYME REGIS  
FLAT 11 - £95,000**

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This two bedroom semi-detached house is situated in one of the most sought after locations in Lyme Regis, a short distance from the town's shops and restaurants and close to the seafront. The accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance lobby, lounge with fireplace, kitchen opening to uPVC double glazed conservatory, two bedrooms and bathroom, an attractive enclosed garden. With its central location the property is ideally suited as a holiday home or equally as a main residence. Awaiting EPC.

**LYME REGIS - £124,500**



A purpose built two bedroom first floor retirement apartment for the over 55's being close to the town and seafront. EPC band C

**LYME REGIS - £295,000**



This two bedroom detached south facing bungalow is located in an elevated position within a quiet residential area with fine views across the town and sea. The property is in good order and briefly comprises: Lounge with dining area, two double bedrooms, family bathroom, kitchen, good sized gardens, garage. EPC band D

**LYME REGIS - £164,950**



Situated on the western side of the town this two bedroom apartment has a private patio terrace with excellent views across the Lym Valley. EPC band C.

**LYME REGIS -  
£335,000 & £355,000**

Situated on the edge of the town within the grounds of Shire House these spacious ground and first floor two bedroom converted apartments are due for completion in early spring 2014. The two apartments will be finished to a high standard with quality kitchens, bathrooms, fixtures and fittings. To register your interest in these apartments please contact our Lyme Regis office on: 01297 445666 or by e-mail at teamfsb@btconnect.com



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**CHARMOUTH - £499,950**



- Detached 2/3 Bedroom Chalet Bungalow
- 2 Bedroom Annex
- Ground Floor W.C.

- Sea Views
- Close to the Beach
- EPC - C

**CHARMOUTH - £415,000**



- 3 Bedroom Detached House
- Ground Floor WC
- Enclosed Garden

- Parking and Garage
- Level Walk to Village Shops and Beach
- EPC - F

**CATHERSTON - £425,000**



- 3 / 4 Bedroom Spacious House
- Many Period Features
- Ground Floor Cloakroom

- Kitchen, Dining Room & Drawing Room
- Sea Views & Communal Garden
- Garage and Parking

**CHARMOUTH - £385,000**



- 4 Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Ground Floor Shower Room
- First Floor Bathroom

- Large Garage and Patio Garden
- Level Walk to Village Shops and Beach
- EPC - D

**CHARMOUTH - £435,000**



- 3 Bedroom Detached House
- Ground Floor Cloakroom
- Detached Garage and Parking

- Garden
- Sea Views
- EPC - D

**CHARMOUTH - OIEO £450,000**



- Attractive 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Panoramic Sea and Coastal Views
- Enclosed gardens

- Integral Garage
- Spacious Utility
- EPC - E

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Bridport  
£465,000

- Imposing Detached Period House
- Five En-Suite Bedrooms
- Double Garage & Long Garden
- Refurbished Throughout

Bridport
 

- Semi-Detached Cottage
- Seven Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden

 £439,950



Sea Road South  
£450,000

- Four Bedroom Detached Modern House
- Parking & Double Garage
- Double Glazing Throughout
- Two Reception Rooms
- Double garage

Netherbury  
£350,000

- Period Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Two Bathrooms

Bridport
 

- First Floor Apartment
- One Bedroom
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Communal Laundry Room
- No Chain

 £83,500



Shipton Gorge  
£329,950

- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Sitting Room
- Conservatory

Bridport  
£250,000

- Extensive House Over Four Floors
- Highly Adaptable
- Far Reaching Views
- Three Reception Rooms

Bridport
 

- Retirement Apartment
- One Bedroom
- Town Centre Location
- No Chain
- 24 hour Careline

 £73,000



Bridport  
£234,950

- Beautifully Presented
- Fully Renovated House
- Short Level Walk to the Town Centre
- Single Garage & Enclosed Rear Garden

Bridport  
£120,000

- First Floor Flat
- Well Presented
- Two BedRooms
- Overlooking Local Countryside & Town

Bridport
 

- Retirement Apartment
- One Bedroom
- Communal Parking
- Central to Town Centre
- Good Access to Public Transport

 £67,000

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Hawkchurch

£750,000

- Four Bedroom Barn Conversion
- Farmhouse Kitchen
- Fields & Woodland
- Stables, Paddocks & Outbuildings



Lyme Regis

£529,950

- Substantial Detached Property
- Eight Bedrooms
- Currently a Four Star B&B
- Large Car Park



Axminster

- Detached Six Bedroom House
- Including Two Bed Room Annex
- Country-side Views
- Private Garden
- Viewing Recommended

£525,000



Lyme Regis

£345,000

- Well Presented Townhouse
- Set Over Three Floors
- Three Bedrooms, Master En-Suite
- Open Plan Lounge, Kitchen & Dining Area



Uplyme

£357,500

- Impressive Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms, Two Reception Rooms
- Prime Cul-de-Sac Location
- Conservatory, Garage & Gardens



Lyme Regis

- Well Presented House
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms & Conservatory
- Off Road Parking
- Enclosed Rear Garden

£418,500



Charmouth

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The model was acknowledged by motor-sport's governing bodies after its attempt to set or break 18 World and UK Speed Endurance Records was confirmed as successful. This achievement showcases the vehicle's exceptional reliability and places the model as an ideal choice for those who appreciate a powerful performance.

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In the autumn of last year, Vauxhall attempted two sets of speed endurance records: 12 in the FIA's\* 1600-2000cc forced-induction diesel production car class, and a further six in the MSA's\* 1500-2000cc forced-induction diesel production car class.

The lead Astra 2.0 CDTi 165PS in the challenge covered a total of over 3,000 miles in 24 hours, over 1,500 laps of a tortuous banked circuit at an average of just over 125mph, only stopping for fuel and a single, cautionary change of tyres.

All 18 records were achieved, with key records such as the World 1-hour, 6-hour, and 12-hour broken conclusively, and the long-standing UK 24-hour, which was smashed by 25mph.

Dominic Avery, Company Director at Lanehouse Vauxhall, comments: "This is a fantastic achievement displayed by the Vauxhall Astra.



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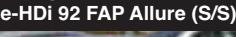
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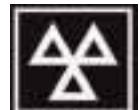
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## West Dorset indoor youth cricket league

### Cerne make Portland sweat for win

ONCE again the gathered crowd at The Osprey Centre witnessed some outstanding cricket as teams in the under 16s Division completed their fixtures.

**PORTLAND U16 88-1 BEAT  
CERNE VALLEY 82 ALL OUT  
BY 5 WICKETS**

A YOUNG, but spirited, Cerne made Portland battle to earn victory in a pulsating encounter.

Having elected to bat Cerne got off to a steady start scoring 15 from the first two overs. Portland's D Strong struck in the third over removing T Conibere (4) via an excellent catch from Lukin Wilson.

S Downey (30) and Theo White (21) stuck to the task as Portland playing a man short produced an improved display in the field.

With White, Conibere and B Simpson only conceding 18 runs of the next four overs it seemed that Cerne sensed a turn around.

But with Penny smashing 22 of the next over the writing was on the wall, and a finely placed shot from Wilson (4 no) brought Portland victory with three overs to spare.

**MARTINSTOWN U16 164-1 BEAT  
WEYMOUTH 49 ALL OUT BY 115 RUNS**  
A RAMPANT Martinstown put Weymouth to the sword with a

## Weymouth youth rugby

### Seahorses put Kids First

WEYMOUTH Rugby Club has been selected by the RFU to pilot scheme a new initiative developed for Under 6 to Under 12 players in rugby called Kids First Rugby.

The Kids First programme is a new initiative which was launched last September.

The aim of the programme is quite straight forward and summed up by the title; to put the wants and needs of the children at the centre to what is done within the club and school environment.

Rugby can help children to be confident, competent, positive, creative and decisive which will be of great benefit to them in all aspects of life.

Kids First redirects the focus of coaching from coaching rugby to children, to developing children through rugby; a subtle, but significant difference in emphasis.

The personal and social development of children underpins and encompasses the other aspects of development; physical and movement, game understanding and

skill focus believing good people make better rugby players.

Coaches at the club attended induction training days to familiarise themselves with the resources pack and the Kids First manifesto required before going live last Sunday.

More details can be found on the RFU website <http://www.rfu.com/ruckley> and on the clubs website <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/weymouthrugbyfootballclub/>

#### new players welcome

The club welcomes new players who would like to be involved in Kids First Rugby, and should contact either Chris Davis 07576-129254 [chrisdavis23@icloud.com](mailto:chrisdavis23@icloud.com) or Mike Murphy [msmurphy1971@hotmail.com](mailto:msmurphy1971@hotmail.com) for more information.

Pictured below are the Under 6s with their coaches Tom O Gorman and Robert Miller



## MS winners of beach volleyball tournament

BATTENS Solicitors, organisers of the popular beach volleyball tournament have served up the proceeds to their nominated charity Multiple Sclerosis Society (MS) who netted a fantastic £1,047 for the South West Dorset branch.

Some 32 teams from local businesses and organisations fought out the sixth-annual charity extravaganza organised by Battens Solicitors last August, won by GH Podiatry.

MS branch chairman Graham Watts said: "It is a huge sum of money and a great boost to our funds, we are so grateful to Battens and everyone that took part."

"It is our single biggest donation over the past year and every penny will go to help people locally."

Charlotte Appleby, a lawyer in the Battens Weymouth office which organises the contest, said: "The beach volleyball is one of the main events we organise locally for charity."

"This year's tournament was another great success and we are pleased to be able to hand over such a large amount to such a worthy cause; our thanks to Weymouth and Portland Borough Council, Weymouth Volleyball Club and everyone who joined in the fun."

Battens Solicitors' annual tournament takes places on the eve of the televised RAF Careers Volleyball Classic on Weymouth beach.

Solicitor, Cherise Luke-Bennett who has been involved in the organisation of the event since it began said: "This year, the charity beach

volleyball tournament will take place on Weymouth Beach on Thursday, July 31st.

"We look forward to welcoming teams from businesses across the region. Registration details can be found on our website."

The South West Dorset MS branch has 160 members, of which about 100 have MS.

It organises transport, physiotherapy, outings, exercise classes and mobility aids among other services.

The MS Society estimates that the total number of people living with MS in Dorset is 1,160.

Visit [www.mssociety.org.uk](http://www.mssociety.org.uk) and search for south-west Dorset branch or email [southwestdorset-branch@mssociety@gmail.com](mailto:southwestdorset-branch@mssociety@gmail.com) for more details.



■ SMASHING: Solicitor Charlotte Appleby, right, hands proceeds over to (l-r): Graham Watts, Graham Hale and Sally Hale

## Dorchester & District Snooker

RESULTS and tables as at February 2nd: WDC Whipping Boys 0 Trinity M 6, Colliton Hopefuls 6 Colliton XQ2013 2, Purbeck Potters 2 Trinity Gooduns 6, Trinity Express 5 Colliton Cons 3.

**30+ breaks;** M.Pike 32, M.Beale 30, N.Joslin 30.  
**Top break of the season:** Evan Wellman (67).

Table (week 13)	Pld	Pts
Trinity M	11	49
West Dorset Club A	10	47
Trinity Gooduns	11	46
Colliton Hopefuls	10	43
Colliton Cons	11	41
Trinity Express	11	39
Purbeck Potters	10	38
Colliton XQ2013	9	29
WDC Whipping Boys	11	23

**Team Handicap Knock-out Cup semi-finals**  
Colliton Hopefuls v Trinity M (Feb 5th), Trinity Gooduns v Colliton XQ2013 (Feb 6th) both games at Colliton Club.

## Rearranged league matches

Purbeck Potters v Trinity Express – Tomorrow, February 6th.  
West Dorset Club A v Colliton Hopefuls – Monday, February 10th.  
Trinity Gooduns v Colliton XQ 2013 – Thursday, February 13th.  
Colliton XQ 2013 v Purbeck Potters – Thursday, February 20th.  
Colliton Cons v Colliton Hopefuls - To finish (score so far 2-3).

## Snooker Individual and Pairs Knockout competition

THE Individual Open and Handicap Snooker Knockout competitions, together with the Open Pairs, are to be staged at the end of the snooker season using the Colliton Club and Trinity Club tables.

The dates for the various competitions are to be determined once the entries for each competition are finalised.

In the meantime, late entries will be accepted by the Secretary up until Saturday, February 15th.

It would also be useful if those that have already entered could confirm their entries.

**Billiards League**  
THE last Annual General Meeting decided that a Billiards League will be run in two-man teams.

Entries are now welcome for the forthcoming season with a closing date of Saturday, February 15th.

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Bridport  
Darts  
League

Division One	Pld	Pts
BSC.....	14	25
Rob's Robbers.....	14	25
Times Up.....	14	19
Normads.....	15	19
All Stars.....	14	18
Hands of Time.....	14	14
Nags Inn.....	14	13
Knapp Inn.....	14	13
Young Guns.....	14	13
Surely that's enough.....	14	8
Odd Bods.....	15	2
Dat Team.....	14	1

**Most 180s:** Mark Munro (All Stars) 5, six players all 4.  
**Win %:** Graham Knight (Normads) 100% (15/15)

Division Two	Pld	Pts
One for the Vikings.....	14	25
Odds or Us.....	13	20
Rubber Johns.....	13	19
Young Darters.....	14	16
Elders.....	13	16
The Surgeons.....	14	11
Poachers.....	13	10
One Direction.....	14	10
Royal Hawks.....	12	10
Bob's Boys.....	13	6
Broken Arrows.....	13	3

**Most 180s:** Mike Day (One for the Vikings), Kenny Poole (One Direction) both x3.  
**Win %:** Nick Quinton (Odds or Us) 100% (13/13).

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Flashes Fives.....	13	22
Only Just.....	12	17
Time Bombs.....	13	17
Anchor Vale Viewers.....	12	17
Anchor Five.....	12	16
Inbetweeners.....	11	8
The Capercaillies.....	12	7
Mozzies Heroes.....	11	7
Odd & Sods.....	12	5
Midnight Runners.....	12	4

**Most 180s:** Paul Bearpark (Odds & Sods) & Andre Reynolds (Time Bombs) both x2.  
**Win %:** Paul Bearpark and Paul Gumbrell 11/19.617%.

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Tiger Bees.....	14	19
Otter Rotters.....	13	18
Tip Top Odds.....	13	17
All the Kings Men.....	13	16
The Royal Nuts.....	12	16
Sorted Odds.....	14	13
Dodgers.....	13	12
Sue's Rebels.....	13	10
Greyhound.....	12	9
No Direction.....	13	7
Con Artists.....	12	5

**Most 180s:** Six players x1.

**Win %:** John Boyle (Otter Rotters) 100% (13/13).

Ladies Div One	Pld	Pts
Tender Trap.....	11	20
Anchor Aces.....	12	20
Knight 'n' Gals.....	12	18
Clocking On.....	11	18
Queens of the Cl.....	12	11
Sue's Rebels.....	12	10
Queen Bees.....	12	8
Kings Arrows.....	12	7
Next Door.....	12	5
Castaways.....	12	1

**Most 180s:** Sharon Poole (Clocking On).

**Win %:** Sarah Chick (Tender Trap) 100% (11/11).

Ladies Div Two	Pld	Pts
Cliff Hangers.....	8	13
Wildcats.....	9	13
Against the Odds.....	9	12
Douglalls Dollies.....	10	9
Good Mates.....	10	9
Anchors Aweigh.....	10	7
Charlie's Angels.....	9	7
Tiger Stripes.....	9	4

**Most 180s:** None.

**Win %:** Brenda Bartlett (Anchors Aweigh) 90% (9/1), A/Park (Charlie's Angels) 100% (3/3).

## Womens football

Seven Bees in  
Dorset squad

SEVEN members of the Queen Bees of Bridport and Beaminster team have been selected for the Dorset Women Under 18 football squad following trials.

The Dorset FA are looking to re-establish this team with the possibility of entering a side in the South & West Counties U18 competition next season.

The seven, Gaby Gilchrist, Molly Hyde, Beth Letherby, Isabel Mullen, Sophie

Northover, Lucy Paull and Anna Roberts-Wray and joined by two Weymouth Ladies, Anne Reading and Rebecca Vallard, as well as Elinor Mason (Real Weymouth) and Katie Paul of Dorchester Ladies in the squad of 14.

Having made the Coaching Centre, they will meet for two hour sessions at the 3G facility of Dorchester Sports Centre on selected Monday evenings between now and the end of the

season. Matches against Wiltshire, home and away have also been arranged.

The Centre will be coached by Dorset County FA's Development team; namely: Andrew Battison (Development Officer), Maddy Massey (Development Officer) and Gemma Tewkesbury (Administrator).

Further players may be added to the squad in due course.

The long awaited debut of Ugolin De Beaumont finally took place last week.

After several abortive attempts, and although a sixth place finish in the 2m Connolly's Red Mills Bumper Challenge Standard Open NH Flat Race at Wincanton does not sound too impressive on paper, trainer Bob Buckler was delighted with his run.

"It has been difficult finding the right race for him and when we have the fixture has been cancelled or the ground waterlogged.

"The conditions over the past two months have also made it difficult to give him track experience at home which didn't help.

"It was a very good quality bumper with some very good horses in it, but he travelled well. However as they turned for home he was caught a bit one pace, but halfway down the straight he realised what he needed to do and stayed on well, passing several horses on the way.

"I'm absolutely delighted. He's a chaser in the making and coped well with the heavy ground, and will have learned a lot from the experience in his first run. He's an exciting horse for the future."

Despite being pulled up three fences out, Buckler was also pleased with the running of Redlynch Rock in the Conditional Jockeys Handicap Hurdle at Taunton.

The six-year-old who has excelled most in good ground found the atrocious conditions over 3m 1f too much for him, and having been prominent for most of the way eventually gave way to the ground.

"He absolutely hated it. We decided to give him a run and see how he went, but he couldn't cope and in addition he ripped a front shoe off which wouldn't have helped him, but his jumping was sound.

"We will now wait for better ground before running him again."

## Local swimmers shine at opening club Gala of year

SWIMMERS ranging from six to 16 years took part in Chard & District Swimming Club's first Club Gala of the year at Flamingo Pool in Axminster last week writes Hannah Pullinger.

Excellent swims secured a Bronze Speed badge for 9 and under swimmers Freddie Coles and Grace Lambert swimming under 20 seconds in the 25m free for the first time, and a Silver Speed Badge for Simon Davis (12) in the 50m freestyle, for swimming under 36 seconds for the first time.

There were also 43 Somerset County qualifying times achieved (regional and national qualifying times cannot officially be achieved at this level of competition).

Swimmers of the month were Henry Taswell (12) for achieving a new regional qualifying time in the 200m backstroke in December, and Xanthe Dyer (11) for achieving the most improvement points at galas in December.

Results:

8 &Under Events: Boys 25m Back: 1st M Humphreys; Boys 25m Breast: 1st F Downes, 2nd M Humphreys; Girls 25m Fly: 1st C Webb, 2nd E Huntley 3rd D Russell; Girls 25m Free: 1st E Huntley, 2nd K Flannigan, 3rd C Webb

Girls 50 Breast: Open: 1st T Down, 2nd M Hanson, 3rd F Swan; 13/14 Years: 1st J Fowler, 2nd M Riley, 3rd J Vosey; 12 Years: 1st X Dyer, 2nd D Brett, 3rd I Waterhouse; 11 Years: 1st H Copeman, 2nd E McDonald, 3rd P Clark; 10 Years: 1st M Downes, 2nd B Barrand, 3rd M Huntley; 9 Years: 1st G Lambert, 2nd M Porter, 3rd J McAuley

Boys 50 Fly: Open: 1st J Spurway, 2nd O Parry Leyshon, 3rd O Agathocleous;

11 Years: 1st J Porter, 2nd W Hawkins; 10 Years: 1st N Beauchamp, 2nd J Shrub; 9 Years: 1st F Coles

Girls 100 Fly: Open: 1st M Hanson, 2nd T Down, 3rd F Swan; 13/14 Years: 1st J Fowler, 2nd M Shrub; 12 Years: 1st X Dyer, 2nd M Herbert, 3rd D Brett; 11 Years: 1st E McDonald; 10 Years: 1st A Greenslade, 2nd B Barrand, 3rd M Huntley

Boys 100 Free: Open: 1st O Bilbie, 2nd J Spurway, 3rd L Pearson; 13/14 Years: 1st H Taswell, 2nd B Greenslade, 3rd S Davis; 12 Years: 1st J Copeman, 2nd O Bright, 3rd O Parry Leyshon; 11 Years: 1st L Rood, 2nd J Porter, 3rd W Hawkins; 10 Years: 1st C Dickinson, 2nd J Brett, 3rd J Shrub; 9 Years: 1st F Coles

Boys 200 Individual Medley: Open: 1st J Spurway, 2nd L Pearson, 3rd P Harrison; 13/14 Years: 1st H Taswell, 2nd L

Lillington; 13/14 Years: 1st H Taswell, 2nd B Greenslade, 3rd O Rodger; 12 Years: 1st J Copeman, 2nd O Bright; 11 Years: 1st L Rood, 2nd J Porter, 3rd W Hawkins; 10 Years: 1st C Dickinson, 2nd J Brett, 3rd F Parry Leyshon

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11 Years: 1st J Porter, 2nd W Hawkins; 10 Years: 1st N Beauchamp, 2nd J Shrub; 9 Years: 1st F Coles

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Boys 100 Free: Open: 1st O Bilbie, 2nd J Spurway, 3rd L Pearson; 13/14 Years: 1st H Taswell, 2nd B Greenslade, 3rd S Davis; 12 Years: 1st J Copeman, 2nd O Bright, 3rd O Parry Leyshon; 11 Years: 1st L Rood, 2nd J Porter, 3rd W Hawkins; 10 Years: 1st C Dickinson, 2nd J Brett, 3rd J Shrub; 9 Years: 1st F Coles

Boys 200 Individual Medley: Open: 1st J Spurway, 2nd L Pearson, 3rd P Harrison; 13/14 Years: 1st H Taswell, 2nd L

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## IN-FORM: Swimmers of the month - Xanthe Dyer and Henry Taswell



soon after.

The second half started as the first, with Beaminster scoring in the first half, this time Thomas made no mistake with a shot from the top of the D which appeared to surprise the visiting keeper.

Whether Beaminster relaxed at this point, but Blandford put them under a lot of pressure for the next few minutes and were rewarded with a goal from close in.

However, it was in front of goal where Beaminster had the edge, and when Blandford did find their shooting boots they found Phoebe Stewart in good form in goal.

Beaminster made the best start they could with a goal inside 50 seconds. Hannah Dale's strong run down the right wing saw he feed Lucy Herbert who cut into the D before crossing to Danni Donovan whom had a simple conversion.

Whilst Beaminster had most of the play, the visitors were no mugs and had to be watched, particularly a slight, young midfield player who looks a good prospect for the future.

Herbert put Beaminster two up on ten minutes when she swept the ball home after a good move down the left.

She added a third on 19 minutes when Andrea Thomas' miscued shot found Donovan who showed good skills in beating two in the D before firing just inside the post.

Jenny Clarke then made a tremendous tackle to prevent the visitors pulling one back

opponents on Saturday to make it ten games unbeaten - nine of them victories.

## ASHMOOR A 0 WEST DORSET HAWKS 1

HAWKS struggled to overcome second from bottom Ashmoor A by a single goal, but the point moved them level with second placed Yeovil & Sherborne A who had played a game more.

They have eight games left to play, and this Saturday face potentially their hardest and most important remaining fixture when they host leaders Sidmouth & Ottery B.

The visitors tried to counter attack but to no avail and in the final minutes Simon Wakely made a great tackle before making himself space to blast home a shot into the back-board.

The victory sees West Dorset, like the first

team, draw level on points with the second placed team ECV Hornets C who after defeat by WD last week could only draw with Isca E. Hawks: Everett, May, Smith, Wyatt, Wakely, Cox, B Maltby, G Maltby, Kellis, Henry, Leeson.

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## Dorset League round-up

## Late penalty sees Chickens rule the roost

MERLEY Cobham Sports were knocked off top spot in a weekend that saw the top four teams play each other.

A 38th minute strike from WEYMOUTH RESERVES Lee Sharpe saw them slip to fourth and be replaced by the Terras, who had occupied that position before the start of play.

That was because PORTLAND UNITED and Hamworthy Recreation shared the points at Grove Corner leaving them as they started, in second and third place respectively.

After a goalless first-half, Tom Willis put Hamworthy in front on the hour, but Portland hit back to take a point with a goal from Ross Doige.

Mere Town moved into the top five with a 6-0 home victory over bottom club Poole Borough.

Jordan Collins grabbed a brace and there was one each for Tom Cowley, Ryan Hughes, Mariusz Kawaler and Matthew White for Mere who led 5-0 at the interval.

The game was marred by the sending off of a Borough player.

## DORSET LEAGUE

ONCE again the Dorset Football League programme was decimated by the weather.

CHICKERELL UNITED moved into pole position in the SENIOR DIVISION following their 2-1 win over visitors PIDDLETRENTHIDE UNITED.

Nick Etherington and a last minute Dan Welch penalty gave the Chickens victory, with Neil Kellaway, also with a penalty conversion, scoring for the Piddletrenthide.

In Division One WEYMOUTH SPARTANS moved up into the top three with a 3-2 win against their visitors BRIDPORT 3RDS. The Bees led 2-1 at half-time with goals from Jamie Clements and Tom Fouracre but goals from Kieron Howes and a dubious penalty converted by Florinel Bujor, his second of the match, secured the points.

An Ashley White goal secured the points for fifth placed side KANGAROOS against their visitors Bere Regis.

POUNDBURY ROVERS and AFC Cobham shared the points and four goals with the Rovers goals coming from Jack Goldsack and Ben Thomas with Dan King and Mark Seal replying

for Cobham.

PUDDLETOWN lost for the first time this season in DIVISION FOUR when they were beaten 2-0 by their visitors UNITED CLUB OF POUNDBURY, with goals from Sam Course and an OG.

## RESULTS - Saturday, February 1st

## PREMIER

Mere Town 6-0 Poole Borough  
Merely Cobham 0-1 Weymouth Res  
Portland Utd 1-1 Hamworthy Recreation

## SENIOR LEAGUE

Blandford United Res 1-1 South Cheriton Utd  
Chickerell Utd 2-1 Piddletrenthide United

## DIVISION ONE

Kangaroos 1-0 Bere Regis  
Poundbury Rovers 2-2 AFC Cobham  
Weymouth Spartans 3-2 Bridport 3rds

## DIVISION THREE

AFC Blandford 2-1 Sturm Marshall Res  
Handley Sports 0-2 Henridge Utd

## DIVISION FOUR

AFC Cobham Res 1-1 Pimperne SS  
Puddletown 0-2 UFC Poundbury

## FIXTURES

## Tonight (February 5th)

## PREMIER

Sherborne Town Res v Mere Town

## Saturday, February 8th

## PREMIER

Blandford United v Portland United  
Hamworthy Rec v Mere Town  
Holt Utd v Hamworthy United Res  
Parley Sports v Bridport Reserves  
Shaftesbury Town v Poole Borough  
Swanage Town & Herston v Merley Cobham  
Wareham Rangers v Sherborne Town Res  
Weymouth Reserves v Tintinhull

## Senior League

Gillingham Town Res v Sturm Newton Utd  
Kingstone Lacy v Westland Sports  
Okeford Utd v Chickerell Utd  
Piddletrenthide Utd v Corfe Mullen Utd  
Portland United Res v Blandford Utd Res  
South Cheriton Utd v Sturminster Marshall  
Upwey & Broadwey v Witchampton Utd

## Dorset League Division One

AFC Cobham v Milborne Sports  
Bere Regis v Poundbury Rovers  
Dorchester Sports v Baltic House  
Kangaroos v Weymouth Spartans  
Poole Borough Res v Swanage Town & H Res  
Wincanton Town Res v Bridport 3rd

## Dorset League Division Two

Chickerell United Res v Wyke Regis SC  
Gillingham Town A v Corfe Castle  
Parley Sports v Ship Inn Wool  
Portesham Utd v Shaftesbury Town Res  
Redlands FC v Portland Town  
Sturminster Newton Utd Res v Lytchett RT

## Dorset League Division Three

Broadstone v Stickland Utd  
Donhead Utd v AFC Blandford  
Handley Sports v Maiden Newton & Catt  
Henridge Utd v Stalbridge  
Mere Town Res v Bere Regis Res  
Portland Town Res v Sturminster Marshall Res

## Dorset League Division Four

Corfe Mullen Utd Res v Kangaroos Res  
Cranborne Res v South Cheriton Utd Res  
Milborne Sports Res v Pimperne SS  
Owermeigne v Puddletown  
Portland Town A v AFC Cobham Res  
Weymouth Spartans Res v UFC Poundbury

## Dorset League Division Five

Corfe Castle Res v Broadstone Res  
Maiden Newton & Catt Res v Okeford Utd Res  
Marnhull v Lytchett RT Youth  
Wool & Winfrith v Portland Utd Youth

Dorset Premier Pld GD Pts  
WEYMOUTH RES.....21 27 41  
PORTLAND UNITED.....18 39 39  
Hampshire Rec.....20 21 39  
Merley Cobham.....20 21 39  
Mere Town.....19 20 32  
BRIDPORT RES.....20 13 31  
Blandford United.....19 4 27  
Holt United.....23 14 27  
Wareham Rangers.....18 1 24  
Shaftesbury Town.....22 19 23  
Cranborne.....21 33 22  
Swareham & Herston.....19 22 22  
Tintinhull.....17 5 22  
Hamworthy Utd Res\*.....18 20 18  
Parley Sports.....21 25 18  
Sherborne Town Res.....19 9 17  
Poole Borough.....21 30 15

Senior League Pld GD Pts  
Chickerell Utd.....13 19 32  
Westland Sports.....12 30 29  
Sturminster Marshall.....11 15 24  
Upwey & Broadwey.....12 8 23  
Corfe Mullen Utd.....11 20 20  
Portland Utd Res.....12 1 20  
Gillingham Utd.....12 3 18  
Wincanton Town Res.....12 7 17  
Blandford Utd Res.....13 3 15  
South Cheriton.....12 5 15  
Piddlehinton Utd.....17 20 12  
Sturminster Newton Utd.....12 10 10  
Kingston Lacy.....14 33 8  
Okeford Utd.....12 34 3

Dorset Div 1 Pld GD Pts  
Balti House.....14 14 34  
Milborne Sports.....14 26 28  
Weymouth Spartans.....15 1 28  
Dorchester Sports.....14 18 27  
Kangaroos.....13 10 25  
Poundbury Rovers.....14 7 23  
Wincanton Town Res.....11 7 19  
Poole Borough Res.....10 0 13  
Swanage & Herston.....13 9 13  
AFC Cobham.....13 15 12  
Bridport 3rds.....13 8 11  
Stourpaine.....13 15 8  
Bere Regis.....15 34 4

Dorset Div 2 Pld GD Pts  
Lytchett RT.....13 47 36  
Parley Sports Res.....13 20 25  
Portland Town.....14 11 25  
Portesham Utd.....10 8 23  
Shaftesbury Town Res.....11 5 20  
Corfe Castle.....14 1 19  
Chickerell Utd Res.....12 1 18  
Gillingham Town A.....13 0 16  
Redlands FC.....12 2 14  
Wareham Rangers.....12 11 11  
Piddlehinton Utd.....16 21 11  
Ship Inn Wool.....16 30 11  
Sturminster Newton Res.....11 29 6

Dorset Div 3 Pld GD Pts  
Stickland Utd.....14 32 32  
Broadstone.....14 47 30  
Henridge Utd.....13 9 28  
Mere Town Res.....13 23 24  
Corfe Castle Res.....13 0 16  
AFC Blandford.....12 1 18  
Handley Sports.....15 4 22  
Maiden Newton & Catt.....8 13 16  
Stalbridge.....12 9 16  
Sturminster Newton Res.....14 19 11  
Portland Town Res.....15 38 7  
Bere Regis Res.....10 29 6  
Donhead Utd.....14 52 3

Dorset Div 4 Pld GD Pts  
Piddlehinton.....12 26 29  
Milborne Sports Res.....12 15 25  
Portland Town A.....13 8 22  
Owermeigne.....11 8 21  
Weymouth Sparts Res.....12 3 20  
Pimperne SS.....13 7 19  
UFC Poundbury.....15 13 17  
AFC Cobham Res.....9 2 15  
Kangaroos Res.....14 14 12  
Cranborne Res.....12 9 11  
Corfe Mullen Utd Res.....12 12 9  
South Cheriton Res.....11 15 7

Dorset Div 5 Pld GD Pts  
Portland Utd Youth.....13 29 31  
Lytchett RT Youth.....13 23 28  
Corfe Castle Res.....13 5 21  
Broadstone Res.....10 8 19  
Wool & Winfrith.....16 27 18  
Marnhull.....11 5 16  
Handley Sports Res.....10 6 13  
Piddlehinton Res\*.....11 8 10  
Okeford Utd Res.....13 30 8  
Maiden Newton & Catt Res\*.....8 21 3

## Bowls

## Cricket

## 'Fleet sunk

## Bridport Indoor Bowls

BRIDPORT faced Moonfleet for the second time this season and feared the worst as they were comprehensively beaten on all ranks in the first encounter.

However this is a different Bridport side now in the Wessex League, and new captain Chris Thorne has got a great spirit running through the squad, and despite playing against far bigger clubs are picking up good points.

Max Dare, Bill Payne, Paul Tibble and Brian Rumble picked up a superb two points at Weymouth, winning 19-17, while Chris Everest, Brian Walsh, Mel Griffiths and Thorne just missed out on another two points losing 15-16 at home.

Unfortunately Mike Parsons, Brian Galpin, Bob Taylor and Ken Enticott were beaten 21-27 and Phil Hedges, Dave Roberts, Brian Conisbee and Keith Gentry went down 5-31.

In the County Mixed League against Wellworthy, Barbara and Keith Jenkins, Sue Gentry and Peter Hunt secured two points, pipping their opponents 21-20.

Despite losing on all three ranks, Bridport enjoyed their annual trip to Sidmouth.

Gerry Moss, Barbara Jenkins, Beryl Stork and Brian Rumble were 13-10 up before going down 13-14, while Lyn and Mike Craddock, Robin Pither and Phil Hedges led 9-4 up early on before finally losing 14-22.

Penny Pither, Keith Jenkins, Max Dare and Mary Corfield lost on the last end 12-15.

## Weymouth open with trip to champions Parley

WEYMOUTH, the only local side now left in Dorset Premier League Division One start the new season with the toughest match imaginable: a trip to champions Parley.

After being reprieved following the withdrawal of Winton from last year's Premier League, the Seasiders make the trip to Poole Park on May 3rd.

They then face a similarly testing challenge in their first home match the following week (May 10th) when they host Broadstone who finished fourth.

Dorchester begin life in Premier League Two with a difficult trip to Shrotton, before hosting Blandford at The Rec on June 14th with the return on August 2nd.

Promoted Martinstown will travel to last year's champions Sherborne for their opening fixture, before entertaining Shrotton at the picturesque Lower Ashton Farm.

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There's a clash of the Titans in Division Five with promoted Charlton Down who finished runner-up hosting last year's Division Six champions Chalke Valley. There was only seven points between the teams at the end which will make this an intriguing encounter.

Martinstown 2nd XI also have a tricky start when they entertain Broadstone 4ths who come down from Division Four.

Beaminster 2nds who finished rock bottom of the eight divisions last season face a tough start when they host Wimborne & Colehill with

4th's in Division Six who drop down two leagues in the reshuffle. Symene who were relegated from Sunday's Division Three start with a home game against Broadstone 2nds (May 4th) before travelling to Portland Red Triangle 2nd's the following week.

Broadwindsor start their defence of the Reader Mid Wessex Division 1 League with a home game against last year's Division Two champions Bruton, before travelling to the other promoted side North Perrott.

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Beaminster 2nds who finished

have renamed their competitions to bring them in line with the Unicorns side that play in the First Class Domestic 50 over competition.

In other news, the Minor Counties Cricket Association (MCCA) to give the competitions fresh identity, they will now be named 'Unicorns Counties Championship' and 'Unicorns One Day Trophy'.

The Dorset 'A' side will now be known as the 'Dorset Leopards', the side is used as a vehicle to give young talented players and Dorset 1st squad members the opportunity to showcase their talents.

Players who perform well for this side make the selectors aware of who is knocking on the door for selection into the 1st XI.

The side will be managed and coached by Phil Calcott and Julian Shackleton. A captain for the side will be chosen during the winter training sessions.

## Dorset 1st XI fixtures (all 11am)

## Friendlies

Sunday, April 13th v Hampshire 2nds (Ageas Bowl Nursery Ground)  
Sunday, June 22nd-24th v Wiltshire (Corsham CC)  
Sunday, July 6th-8th v Herefordshire at Eastnor CC

Sunday, July 21st-24th v Oxfordshire (Dean Park)  
Sunday, August 3rd-5th v Wales (Abergavenny CC)

Sunday, August 17th-19th v Cornwall (Dean Park)

## Dorset Leopards Fixtures

Tuesday, May 27th v MCC (Dean Park)

Sunday, June 1st v Cornwall (Home)

Sunday, June 29th v Oxfordshire (Away TBC)

Sunday, July 13th v Wiltshire (Away TBC)

Sunday, July 27th v Devon Lions (Torquay)

Sunday, August 10th v Wiltshire (Home TBC)

Sunday, August 31st v Gloucestershire Academy (Home TBC)

## Unicorns One Day Trophy

Sunday, May 4th v Wales (Dean Park)

Sunday, August 31st v Gloucestershire Academy (Home TBC)

## Yeovil &amp; District mixed tennis

DIVISION ONE	Pld	Pts	Wincanton A	39	Misterton B	28
Martock A.....	7	56	WEYMOUTH A.....	39	Yeovil C.....	25
Ilminster.....	8	53	Somerton A.....	36	Chard B.....	16
Sherborne.....	7	41	Sherborne B.....	5	BEAMINSTER A.....	12
Chard A.....	7	35	Somerton B.....	18	Wincanton B.....	51
MELCOMBE REGIS.....	7	30	BEAMINSTER A.....	12	WEYMOUTH B.....	38
Misterton A.....	7	28	BRIDPORT B.....	5	BRIDPORT B.....	30
Yeovil A.....	6	22	Martock C.....	47	Sherborne C.....	28
South Petherton.....	7	15	Martock D.....	47	Shaftesbury.....	22
DIVISION TWO	Pld	Pts	BRIDPORT A.....	40	Somerton C.....	12
Martock B.....	5	42	Yeovil B.....	6	BEAMINSTER B.....	9
DIVISION THREE	Pld	Pts	Wincanton B.....	37		
Martock C.....	6	47	WEYMOUTH B.....	38		
Martock D.....	9	47	BRIDPORT B.....	5		
			Sherborne C.....	5		
DIVISION FOUR	Pld	Pts	Shaftesbury.....	4		

## Football tables

Skirl South (bottom)	Pld	GD	Pts
Hayes & Yeading (14th).....	22	2	28
Hartland & Yeading.....	25	6	27
Fareham.....	23	10	27
Boveham Wood.....	24	6	22
Maidenhead Utd.....	21	6	22
Tonbridge Angels.....	20	12	22
Whitehawk.....	23	13	22
Gosport Borough.....	19	11	18
DORCHESTER TOWN.....	23	35	15
Calor Prem (bottom)	Pld	GD	Pts
Biggsmeade Town (9th).....	26	15	39
Arliesley Town.....	28	1	38
Corby Town.....	25	1	38
Burnham.....	29	12	38
Hitchin Town.....	27	5	35
WEYMOUTH.....	25	-10	36
Hungerford.....	23	13	35
Fronte Town.....	30	17	35
Redding Utd.....	26	34	34
Truro City.....	27	17	30
St Neots Town.....	29	10	28
Chippingham Town.....	27	24	28
Bedford Town.....	28	47	14
AFC Totten.....	26	53	12
Bashley.....	24</td		



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## Brittle Terras crushed by gleaming Glassboys

WEYMOUTH 0 STOURBRIDGE 5

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STOURBRIDGE continued the hold they appear to have over Weymouth in recent games when once again they hit five goals past a beleaguered Terras defence; making it a massive 22 goals in four games with only one in reply.

Goals rained in again at the Bob Lucas Stadium with the hosts offering little in response.

Weymouth went into the game with confidence following their midweek game at Bashley which saw them leading 2-1 when the lights went out just before half-time.

However, they were soon brought back to earth when Stourbridge penetrated their defence inside five minutes.

Michael Walker tracked Tom Berwick down the left and managed to block him as he cut back along the byline, but the Glassboy was quickest to his feet and laid the ball back into Ben

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Billingham's path.

His shot was brilliantly palmed away by player-manager Jason Matthews but the ball ran to the unmarked Drew Canavan who lashed it home.

However the Terras weren't daunted and tried taking the game to the visitors. However they conceded a second on 16 minutes when Billingham set Canavan free down the right.

He beat Scott Walker before running on a driving in a 20 yard shot that struck Michael Walker and Adam Kelly before dropping into the path of Sean Geddes who neatly rounded Matthews to roll it into an empty net.

There was almost a third before the break but Leon Broadhurst struck the post from a corner, the result of a superb block by Jake Green from Kayelden Brown header.

It was virtually one-way traffic in the second-half as the Glassboys shut the Terras down, starving Stweart Yetton and Ben Joyce of any service, and it was no surprise when they scored a third on 54 minutes.

Billingham held off Michael Walker to feed the on-rushing Geddes who swept the ball just inside Matthews' far post.

Things got worse on 69 minutes when Billingham in trying to reach Kyle Haynes through ball was tugged back by the central defender who was red carded by referee Michael Webb.

Billingham added extra misery to the situation by driving the resultant free-kick low down to Matthews' left hand side of goal.

The scoring, and Weymouth's misery was complete four minutes from time, when substitute Jordan Fitzpatrick played a one-two with Billingham before smashing a low right foot 20 yard shot beyond Matthews' right hand into the corner of the net.

## Chicken Dave gets his reward

DAVE Drage has been rewarded for his work at Chickereill United when he was recognised at the recent Dorset FA's annual volunteer's awards evening held at Ashley Wood Golf Club.

Drage received the Special Achievement Award for his outstanding service as a volunteer following 17 years continuous support to 'The Chickens' where his hard work ethic and focus on bringing quality coaching to Chickereill has turned the club into one of the most well respected grassroots clubs in Dorset.

Previously he had spent 20 years coaching at youth level with Weymouth Cougars.

He is also constantly involved with fund raising for both the senior and

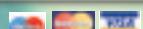


youth teams, lending a hand at race nights, bingo calling and arranging sponsored walks.

Our photo above shows Dave (second right front row) with the other award winners.

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